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TODAY'S NEWS

Financial markets plunged into turmoil

Financial markets around the world were plunged into turmoil yesterday after investors launched massive selfoffs from Hong Kong to Mexico City. London's FTSE 100 index of leading companies fared relatively well, falling 129.5 points, but the Tokyo market hit its. lowest level for more than two years and in New York, shares experienced one of their biggest falls since the 1987 crash. Emerging markets such as Brazil went into a tailspin as speculative bubbles around the globe were finally pricked. Page 23, and Outlook, page 25

Failure in Montserrat

The people of Montserrat, homeless after a volcanic eruption, have been left in appalling conditions after a two-year catalogue of failures by the British government, the island's Chief Minister has told The Independent David Brandt, who will today address MPs on the crisis, claims some officials would prefer to see the island depopulated rather than work to rebuild its infrastructure. Page 21

BMW to buy Rolls?

The German car company BMW emerged as the favourite to buy Rolls-Royce, the last big British motor manufacturer. The Crewe-based company is to be sold by its present owners, the defence group Vickers. One possible buyer, Ford, said it had no interest - leaving the way open for BMW which already owns Rover. Page 9

SEEN & HEARD

Bruce Willis – a dairy farmer from Swindon – decided on a day in London. At a mention of his name, an otherwise fully booked Momo - one of the capital's most fashionable new restaurants - suddenly found a table. On his arrival, jaws dropped, but he was served with good humour. Nicky Clarke, hair stylist to the stars, was also fully booked until mention of his name. On arrival he was turned away. A spokesman said that although celebrities could be accommodated at short notice, the hoi-polloi had to wait in line.



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Brown: get ready for the Euro

The Government yesterday committed itself to the abolition of the Pound 'in principle'. It is the biggest decision about Britain's place in the world taken in Downing Street since the Second World War.

The Government's gamble is historic

No one should be fooled by the ifs and buts, or the delay. The Chancellor wants to join a successful single currency; and he is preparing the country for entry. 'No, unless' under the Tories has become 'yes, when' under Labour. Sooner or later, Tony Blair will gamble his reputation on winning the argument. (And he has a lot of history to overcome: the last time Britain's rulers were part of a single currency they spoke Latin.)

Democracy - yesterday's missing word

In gambling, however, the Government is wrongly pretending this is only an economic decision. It isn't. It would mean the transfer of real political power, including over taxation, to EU bankers and ministers, at a time when the Union lacks a real democratic culture. Blair needs to champion the case for reforming the bureaucratic, unpopular EU institutions.

But, in the end, this is the right decision

Hoping that he does, we are pro-Euro. Britain's best future is as part of a united Europe; a strong single currency should be a part of that future.

Meanwhile, a dramatic gulf has opened up between the Government and the Conservatives over the single currency. The political editor reports on a split which will be reflected across the country.

The voters were vesterday offered the most dramatically clear-cut choice between the main parties, when Gordon Brown made a declaration that Labour backed the principle of a single currency, and Peter Lilley, the shadow Chancellor, pushed his party to the brink of saying that a single currency would bring a single, European

With Mr Brown announcing a clear-cut policy that there was no constitutional obstacle to British membership of the currency, and that preparations were to be made to enable the pound to be abolished soon after the next election, there was a danger last night that the equally significant Conservative move might be lost.

After most reporters had left the parliamentary press gallery to hear the collected wisdom of the Prime Minister's and Chancellor's spin doctors, the Chancellor of the Exchequer told the Commons that there were now two sections in the Conservative Party - those, like Kenneth Clarke, who wanted to join a single currency as soon as possible, and those who never wanted to join up.

In the middle, attempting to bridge the gap, was William Hague, saying that it should be ruled out for 10 years; into and beyond the next election. But Mr Brown demanded: "On what basis is it 10 years? If it is wrong in principle, why don't they rule it out for a hundred years?"

Shaken by a month's damaging speculation over Labour intentions towards the single currency, and whether there was a rift between Tony Blair and Mr Brown, the Chancellor told MPs: "The time of indecision is over.'

According to Labour strategists, the statement was not only designed to kill speculation about government intentions, but also to corner and kill Tory chances ai the next election.



put the Opposition into a most extreme position of hostility to the currency, could help in the achievement of that secondary target, and one senior Labour source last night predicted that it might help create the split that some Labour ministers hope for.

The shadow Chancellor said that it was all well and good for Mr Brown to set eco-

BY ANTHONY **BEVINS**

nomic tests for membership, on which basis Britain was not yet ready, but there was a marked absence of any political or constitutional test. "The key issue," Mr Lilley said, "is, will entry to the single currency require centralisation of taxation, of borrowing powers, the power of the centre to transfer resources from the prosperous countries to those who are handicapped by joining the single currency?

"Does he not recognise that for most of our Continental partners this is not primarily, or, to some extent even at all, an economic venture but a political venture?

"Does he not recognise that up to now there has never been a currency without a government to run it, or a government worthy of its name without a currency to Mr Lilley's Commons response, which run? The attempt to establish a single cur-

rency in Europe without a government to run it, is intended by many to be temporary, not permanent. Why does he not tell us where this government stands on that pre-eminent issue?

"Does he want to see, will he connive in, will he agree to centralisation of political power, over tax, over borrowing, over the transfer of resources to other countries in the single currency area? And up and until he answers that question, we cannot accept its right to sign up in principle to a single currency."

That puts the Conservative Party, in principle, against a single currency, while Mr Brown put the Labour government, in

principle, for it, and preparing to join. But not yet. Earlier, Mr Brown had told the Commons: "There has been no proper preparation for a decision, because no previous government could agree on whether they supported it in principle, nor whether there was an overriding constitutional objection on grounds of sovereignty or not; nor whether, even if a single currency worked and worked well, the Gov-

ernment would wish to be part of it. "Forms of words like 'keeping the option open' - while no preparations were ever made to render the option practicable - have similarly served as a pretext for

postponing the bard choices.' Taking that hard choice, with the full support of a united Cabinet, Mr Brown then announced that membership of a successful single currency would be beneficial in principle, and that if the benefits of joining for business and industry were clear and unambiguous, there was no constitutional bar to British membership.

Mr Brown said, as expected, that Britain was not ready for the first wave of euro membership at the start of 1999, but he added that the Government would prepare the country for possible membership soon after the next election. "... it is essential that the Government and business prepare intensively during this Parliament, so that Britain will be in a position to join a single currency, should we wish to, early in the next Parliament," he said.

But, before that happens, there will be a ferocious national battle about whether we go in - or stay out.

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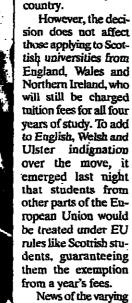
First there was the Braveheart revival. Then came a vote for devolution, and calls for an independent Scottish army.

Now, to add to suspicions that crossing the Tweed could in future be a costly business, comes news that the English, Welsh and trish will pay more than the Scots - and any other European Union citizens - to study at university in Scotland.

The unprecedented move to charge students within the United Kingdom differing sums for identical courses in Scotland, announced yesterday, follows concern that students at Scottish universities would suffer under government plans to introduce means-tested tuition fees of up to £1,000 for each year of higher education.

Student and university leaders argued the charges, being levied from next September, would unfairly penalise those studying in Scotland, where degree courses last four years compared with three elsewhere in the United Kingdom. In response to claims of discrimination, and predictions of a southerly exodus across the border, the Scottish Office yesterday said Scottish undergraduates would be exempt from the fourth year of tu-

ition fees at universities in their home



charges immediately provoked fresh alleeations of discrimina-Scottish defender: Mel Gibson in Braveheart tion from student leaders, who pointed

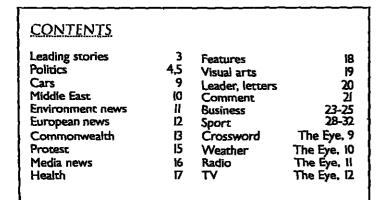
out that in putting right one injustice the Government had created another. It is only two months since ministers were forced to agree concessions over fees for this year's gap-year students, who would have missed out on free tuition under original fees proposals.

The National Union of Students also predicted the latest plan would have a devastating impact in Scottish universities, some of which draw almost half their undergraduates from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. There would be a "massive fall" in applications to Scotland, according to the NUS national president, Douglas Trainer. "There's so much confusion over tuition fees and this latest announcement will have disastrous consequences for many potential students choosing universities this month. Many will opt against Scotland and many will give up the dream of higher education altogether."

The Scottish Office was last night washing its hands of responsibility for unequal charging around the UK, stressing it had responded to pleas for equity for Scots compared with the rest of the UK. If the English, Welsh and Northern Irish were now disadvantaged as a result when studying in Scotland, it was up to their student support agencies - the Department for Education and the Welsh and Northern Ireland Offices ~ to bring the whole system completely into line, said a spokesman.

The Scottish Office suggests non-Scottish UK students hoping to study in Scotland could save money by starting their degree in the second year of the course - a possible option because A-levels involve more advanced study than Scottish highers. However, at present, only one in ten eligible students opts to compact their degree into three years.

— Lucy Ward



PEOPLE



Cause for celebration: Cellist Yo-Yo Ma is Artist of the Year

Pavarotti remembers Diana at music awards

Luciano Pavarotti was at the centre of an emotional occasion last night when he dedicated a prestigious award he had received to Diana, Princess of Wales. The Italian tenor won a huge ovation at the Gramohigh and announced that he wanted to dedicate it to the Princess, whose funeral last month he had Africa.

Earlier, Pavarotti and Sir Paul McCartney met for the first time backstage, and Sir Paul was invited to the annual charity show that Pavarotti stages in his home city of Modena. Pavarotti won his special achievement award for the £5m he raised via record sales for the children of Bosnia.

For the past two years he has been raising funds for London-based charity War Child to build a centre in Mostar, one of the most war-torn cities of tre for children. It now is a music centre with concert hall, teachers, audio visual equipment and a recording studio.

Pavarotti will travel to Mostar in December to open the centre. Next year the tenor will host his annual charity concert, to which Sir Paul has been invited, again to be recorded as a charity album phone Awards in London when he held his award by Decca and, on this occasion, the project will fund a children's community and medical project in

Sir Paul McCartney, appearing at the premier classical music awards for the first time, presented the Young Artist of the Year award to Isabelle Faust for her solo debut recording of Bartok's violin sonatas. Artist of the year was Yo-Yo Ma (pictured above), the extrovert American cellist shortly to star in a feature film.

A Lifetime Achievement award for outstanding contribution to classical music was presented to Mstislav Rostropovich by Sir Edward Heath. The Bosnia. His dream back in 1995 was to turn a record of the year was the so called operatic 'dream bombed out building in Mostar into a music cen- team' Angela Gheorghiu and Roberto Alagna singing exerpts from Puccini's La Rondine.

-David Lister The Eye, cover story

No regrets over murder novel Prison Service

The author of a controversial novel about paedophilia and child murder said yesterday that she had "no regrets" about writing the book. The End of Alice.

AM Homes said yesterday that she hoped that it would take the debate about child abuse into the open: "It is the job of fiction or any kind of art to talk about what goes on in our culture. On some level I wanted to write this so it would raise the discussion, she said.

The book's story is told though the words and fantasies of a male paedophile in prison for the barbaric killing of a 12-year-old girl. He corresponds with a young woman about her sexual obsession with a young boy.

Yesterday, the bokseller chain W H Smith said it would not stock the book because it does not fit with the store's family image and the children's charity the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) called for a boycott on the book which it called "vile" and "repugnant and in the worst

interests of children". But Ms Homes, an established author who teaches at Columbia University said the argument which she had not experienced when the book was published last year in the United States - had become "hysterical" and "panicked".



"Anything which promotes people to talk about these things ing to broaden my private sector is a good thing; it is a move towards stopping it happening," she said. "Adults have a responsibility to protect children. The whole issue of child abuse has been completely swept under the rug."

She said it was "ridiculous" to say that paedophiles could read the book for pleasure. "I don't of the CBI said: "The wealth of think a paedophile would feel comfortable reading this book ernment, industry and the puband I don't think anyone would his sector will be of enormous become a paedophile from read-value, not only in dealing with toing this book. Literature is not day's issues, but also as we predangerous; it is people who are pure the CB1 to meet the dangerous."

--Glenda Cooper

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head joins CBI

The head of communications at the Prison Service is to leave her job to work for a leading business organisation, it was announced yesterday. Audrey Nelson, 42, is the latest in a line of senior government information officers to resign since the new government was elected in May.

She will become Director of Communications at the Confederation of British Industry in December, but yesterday she said her move had nothing to do with new ministers. "The ministers here are all

very nice and we get on well. After 10 years in the Government Information Service I was lookexperience," she said.

Ms Nelson has been at the Prison Service for six years after working for the Home Office, Department of Trade and Industry, Office of Fair Trading and Social

Adair Turner, director general Audrey's experience with govchallenges of the next century." -- Fran Abrams

UPDATE

Asylum seekers reach record high

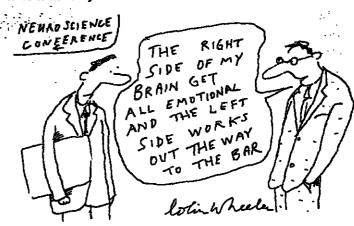
The number of asylum seekers being supported by London councils has leapt to a record 20,000 people, new figures have revealed. The figures, released yesterday by the Association of London Government, show an eight-fold increase in the level of refugees cared for in the capital over the past 12 months - up from 2.500 to 20.000. The areas affected most include Hackney, Westminster, Newham, Breut, Haringey, Lambeth and Falling Jackney, Westminster, Newham, Breut, Hoss and Loss and L Ealing. In September Hackney was caring for 1.055 refugees compared with 29 in October last year.

The number of families receiving support have increased five-fold from 700 to more than 3.500 and the number of single adults has jumped from just under 500 to 7,000. The ALG estimates the total cost of providing food and the most basic shelter for 20,000 asylum seekers in the capital is £2m every week. It claims that the Government provides just 70 per cent of the money needed to support the refugees.

SCIENCE

The brain's worry centre

Scientists think they have identified "worry centres" in the brain where anxious thoughts arise anxious thoughts arise. Using scans that measure brain activity by tracking blood flow, the researchers pinpointed several structures on the brain's right side which appear to be anxiety sites. Ten volunteers were asked to make short tapes describing their worries, recent family crises, stress at work, financial problems and other troubles. After having the tapes played back to them, their brains were scanned to detect differences in blood flow. Dr Rudolf Hoehn-Saric, director of the anxiety disorders unit at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore, Maryland, said at the Society for Neuroscience conference in New Orleans, that the findings fitted in with the fact that the left side of the brain is involved in analytical thinking and the right in emotional. "Worrying occurs when no easy solution is available, and the solution is often derived emotionally rather than rationally," he said.



PROPERTY

Home buyers look underground

A new service to alert potential homeowners to possible underground hazards in their property is being launched today by the British Geological Survey. People buying homes with the London and Bristol areas will be able to get a survey on a specific address to highlight the geological conditions. The computer-based system will be able to pinpoint such problems as subsidence, potential flooding and the presence of Radon - a ra-- Amanda Kelly dioactive gas found that can cause lung cancer.

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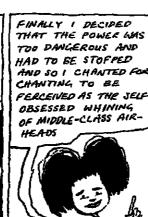
Our court report on 2 October on Lewis Ruskin's conviction for fraud. reported the statement made on his behalf that he was a founder of the anti-racist magazine Searchlight. Gerry Gable. Editor of Searchlight. has informed us that Mr Ruskin was not a founder nor played any other significant role in the magazine.

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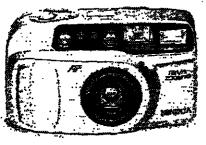




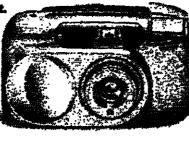




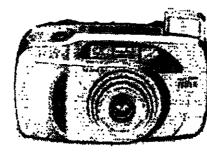
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Photograph: Brian Harris

Did she kill the baby? The prosecution didn't even ask

bar and drank a beer illegally. She spent two hours on the telephone with a friend when she should have been looking after the children. But did she murder little Matthew? Over two hours of questioning Louise Woodward yesterday, the prosecution did not even ask. David Usborne watched what seemed to be an easy escape for the accused British nanny.

Extract Legip Lectility

She looked occasionally edgy and her grasp for the Kleenex at one point may not have convinced the jury, but Louise Woodward appeared yesterday to sail almost unscathed through two hours of cross examination by the prosecution as her trial on charges of first degree murder of Matthew Eappen approaches its close.

Questioned by Gerard Leone, Ms Woodward repeatedly denied reports filed by police officers first on the scene after Matthew's collapse on 4 February that she had told them then that she had "tossed" Matthew on to a bed and that she may have "dropped" him on to the hard floor of the

bathroom. Apparent inconsistencies between what Louise who faces life in prison without parole if convicted, allegedly told the police officers and what she told Deborah Eappen, the child's mother, on the same day had offered the prosecution perhaps its best way forward in repairing its case.

Louise said nothing to Mrs Eappen about any mishaps in the bedroom or the

In recalling a conversation with a Sergeant William Byrne about what happened in the bathroom, Ms Woodward flatly insisted: "I never said I dropped him." And again, "I didn't say that."

In a moment that might have been humorous but for the tragedy of the case, Ms Woodward appeared to unbalance Mr Leone when, being pressed on her insistence that she had not "tossed" the babyon to the bed as the police had claimed.

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She lied about her age at a Boston she replied with a different verb: "To pop." him. In one of numerous efforts to unset-"I said (to the police officers) that I popped him on to the bed." An exasper- raised an E-mail that she had sent to her ated Mr Leone, attempting to fathom a semantic divide between England and America, leapt in with, "Did you pop him, lay him on the bed or toss him on the bed?" In earlier testimony Ms Woodward did concede that she had told police that she may a coy smile, Louise responded only: "It was dave deen "a little tougi who had been cranky all that day and was

> All this drama - yesterday was the second half of an utterly unusual event in the



Louise Woodward: Unscathed

American court system: a defendant in a murder trial taking the stand - was witnessed not just by Gary and Susan Woodward, the parents of Louise who, as throughout the trial, were on the far right of the public gallery, but also by Sunil Eappen, the father of Matthew, who sat on the far left. His wife was not with him.

In the occasional moment when Mr Leone appeared to be making some progress in ferreting out inconsistencies and other awkward admissions - including her violation of American drinking laws and a two-hour telephone call to another namy on 4 February - Dr Eappen allowed himself small smiles or even smirks. These may have been expressions of doubt in the credibility of the witness shown for the benefit of the jury sitting just a few feet before

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tle the poise of Ms Woodward, Mr Leone mother on 31 January about an evening with friends in Boston that culminated with time spent on the Internet and engaging in "cybersex" with a woman who had logged on from Liverpool in England. With

Returning to the medical crux of the case, however, Mr Leone pressed Louise on whether she had noticed any "goose-egg" (swelling) or any other injury to Mathew's head in the month before 4 February, for instance while bathing him or putting a winter hat on him,

ust a dit of fug.

It is the defence's contention that Matthew suffered an earlier injury to his head, behaps three weeks before February, that went undetected but which created a sub-dural clot (beneath the skull) in which an ultimately fatal re-bleed was triggered on the day in question. Matthew died on 9 February.

"Did you notice a goose-egg or discomfort in the month before 4 February?" Mr Leone asked. "I didn't notice anything, no," she replied.

Mr Leone may have been frustrated by the fact that the critical question he would normally have had to put to Louise - did she shake, did she slam, did she murder the boy? - had already been [put to her by her defence lawyer under direct examination

His thunder, therefore, had aleady been stolen.

The nearest he got was impressing her on how she first reacted to finding the boy in his cot, at about 3.30pm, blue in colour and unresponsive. Particularly, he focused on the seconds when she said she clapped her hands around the baby's head and screamed his name repeatedly in an effort to get some reaction.

That was because you realised what you had done at that time, is that right, ma'am?" he shot at her. She replied swift-

Closing arguments were expected later yesterday and the case is likely to be given to the jury today.

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An end to the indecision over the official British attitude towards the European single currency was marked yesterday by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Anthony Bevins, Political Editor, reports on a new and "clear national purpose".

The carefully sculpted and unambiguous resolution of the Government's stance on the single currency delighted the vast majority of Labour MPs - and left the Conservative benches even more divided by a new hardline opposition to the euro, delivered by Peter Lilley, the shadow Chan-

In three historic and well-honed paragraphs. Mr Brown told the House: "We believe that, in principle, British membership of a successful single currency would be beneficial to Britain and to Europe; the key factor is whether the economic benefits of joining for business and industry are clear and unambiguous. If they are, there is no constitutional bar to British membership

"Applying the economic tests, it is not in this country's interest to join in the first wave of EMU starting on I January 1999 and, barring some fundamental and unforeseen change in economic circumstances, making a decision, this Parliament, to join is not realistic.

"But in order to give ourselves a genuine choice in the future, it is essential that the Government and business prepare intensively during this Parliament, so that Britain will be in a position to join a single currency, should we wish to, early in the next Parliament."

Mr Brown said: "On Europe, the time of indecision is over. The period for practical preparation has begun.

"Today we begin to build a new consensus - modern and outward looking - for a country that throughout its history has looked outward to the world.

"We are the first British government to declare for the principle of monetary union. The first to state that there is no overriding constitutional bar to membership. The first to make clear and unambiguous our economic future in Europe."

economic benefit to the country the decisive test. And the first to offer its strong and constructive support to our European partners to create more employment and more prosperity.

The policy I have outlined will bring stability to business, direction to our economy, and long-term purpose to our coun-

Flanked by the Prime Minister, the deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, and the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, Mr Brown opened his statement, saying: "Since the end of the Second World War, Britain has faced no question more important and more contentious than that of our relationship with

"Divisions within governments of both parties, and hence indecision, have made British policy towards Europe, over many years, inconsistent and unclear.

The economic consequences of these weaknesses have been a loss of international initiative and influence, recurrent instability and continuing questioning of our long-term economic direction.

"To break with this legacy and to establish clear national purpose which has eluded us for decades, economic leadership is essential and Britain must now make the difficult decisions on Europe, however

The decision on a single currency is probably the most important this country is likely to face in our generation. Yet until now, there has been no detailed examination by government of the practical economic issues of EMU.

There has been no proper preparation for a decision, because no previous government could agree on whether they supported it in principle, nor whether there was an overriding constitutional objection on grounds of sovereignty or not; nor whether, even if a single currency worked and worked well, the Government would wish to be part of it.

"Forms of words like 'keeping the option open' - while no preparations were ever made to render the option practicable have similarly served as a pretext for postponing the hard choices.

"Now is the time to make these hard choices and set a long-term direction for



Man on a mission: Gordon Brown leaving the Treasury for the Commons yesterday

the moment The Cabinet would judge eventual British membership of a single currency against five economic tests, which have yet to be met, the Chancellor said yesterday. Gordon Brown's Commons statement was accompanied by a 40-rage Treasury document, setting out the Whitehall assessment of how far the British economy matches up to those tests. Mr Brown said in a preface that the eventual judgement would have to be made "by a hard-headed assessment of Britain's economic interests ... Will joining Emu promote higher growth, stability and a lasting increase in jobs?"

Taking each of the tests in turn, the document said:

How Britain

will judge

Cyclical convergence: "At present, the UK's business cycle is not convergent with the rest of our European partners. Base rates are 7 per cent in the UK, which is the right level ... to achieve our inflation target. But in Germany and France, key official interest rates are just above 3 per cent. In Britain, the recession and subsequent recovery began earlier than on the Continent.

"Over the next few years, the UK's convergence should increase as the Continental economies continue to recover from recession and the UK economy steadies. But it is not safe to assume that convergence will

be sustainable ... for some years." Flexibility: "To be successful, monetary union needs both lasting convergence and an economy with the ability to adjust to change. This is because Emu involves an inevitable loss of domestic control over monetary policy, and we cannot rule out some future [economic] shocks occurring ...

"In labour markets particularly, the UK has not yet achieved sufficient flexibility to meet the challenges of Emu membership."

Investment: "The favourable effects for investment in the UK can only be achieved if the UK is sufficiently converged and prepared. Entering the single currency before we have achieved durable and sustainable convergence would discourage investment."

Financial services: "There are still some remaining preparatory issues to be resolved in the final negotiations on the introduction of the single currency. Some of these could affect the balance of advantage and disadvantage for the financial sector."

Employment and growth: Benefits would accrue only if there were sufficient convergence and the UK economy were sufficiently flexible to make Britain's joining Emu a success. Otherwise, the resulting turbulence could considerably damage them."

EU partners look for the positive

"Sorrow more than anger," summed up the reaction in Brussels to the Government's decision to rule out EMU membership until after the next election, EU officials said.

Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, and Yves Thibault de Silguy, the commissioner in charge of monetary union, issued a carefully worded statement which made little effort to conceal the sense of regret.

It also contained coded warnings to Britain: the first, that Britain risks losing out by joining later rather than sooner; the second a strong hint that Britain would have to rejoin the ERM if it eventually does decide to sign up.

The commissioners noted Britain's decision not to join in 1999 but did not officially comment on the decision to effectively rule out membership for the lifetime of this parliament.

They emphasised "the overall positive UK attitude towards the euro and its determination to prepare intensively for the introduction of the single cur-

rency". There was a strong welcome also for Mr Brown's reassurance that Britain would not obstruct the launch of the euro during its EU presidency next year.

Mr Brown's statement clarified, for the first time, some believe, that the Blair Government's philosophy is pro-EMU and that the obstacles are practical rather than ideological. It also appears to some in Europe, following the statement, that Labour is committed to gearing economic policy to convergence with members of the euro zone.

That, however, does not outweigh the great sense of disappointment at the decision to specifically rule out membership during the lifetime of this parliament. Dismay is particularly acute among those member states who believe the euro zone's equilibrium and the new currency's international credibility could hinge on the presence of sterling from the earliest opportunity. Some governments are also deeply auxious to have a political counterweight to the inevitable German domination of the project.

And although the official reactions reflected the desire to to seize on the positive, the subtext was that Britain's self-imposed exclusion from the core of economic and political decision will be the price of remaining on the sidelines.

Britain will not have a say on the composition of the all-powerful European Central Bank, which will run the federalised monetary policy. Nor will it have any influence over much of future eco-Lamberto Dini, the Italian foreign

minister said last weekend that it would be a "clear disadvantage" not to have a place around the table of the "stability council" where ministers from the euro zone will sit in "economic government". On 17 November, the Franco-German axis will table details of how the council will operate. Britain is still ma-

noeuvring behind the scenes to be giv-

en observer status on the council, but

senior sources in Bonn and Paris last

night ruled this out. - Katherine Butler, Brussels

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Gordon the hardman takes no prisoners

Chancellor, his Remembrance poppy and his lips a contrasting red against the black of his suit and hair; Charlie. the happy Prime Minister, pixie smile chasing friendly encounters all over the Chamber and in the press gallery; in that gallery. Naughty

wide mouth, belying his anxiety.

And on the other side: Wee Willy, tie rediscovered after his "informal" period, Ffion for once it. nowhere in sight; Big Ken, arms crossed on the backbenches, waiting to be unhappy no matter what anybody said; the shadow chancel-

POLITICAL SKETCH DAVID ARONOVITCH

lor Mr Lilley (more insubstantial than any shadow, since shadows usually have shape, even if no substance), one of those men whose looks - like a character in A Dance To The Music Of Time - have gone got a fiver on comes third in the 3.30 from boyishness to decrepitude in one two-hour episode.

statement, was to drive his tanks, there was plenty of stuff about firmly onto the high ground of his- Charlie Whelan (now sitting in the tory, and fire his guns from there. "Since the end of the Second World War," he boomed, intimidatingly, and yarboo alliteration - "dither, "Britain has faced no question more dodge and denial", but zip on where important and more contentious he and Wee Willy stood on these isthan that of our relationship with sues. Енгоре.

Jaw stuck out as far as cartilage would allow, he looked around him Lilley invited the Chancellor to belligerently to see who would care "give us examples" of the unforeseen to argue with this. Press bottoms circumstances in which Mr Brown shifted uneasily on green seats. might countenance recommending Had we, er, perhaps, just possibly, um, not treated this subject with, erm, quite the seriousness it

Brown - a busy man - had impor-

They were all there, the main players. On the one side, the chiselled better way of amusing ourselves than to listen to pub gossip on single currencies with engaging guys called

He had issues to deal with one by one. He had next questions to turn to. He had conclusions to arrive at. We liked single currencies Charlie, the Chancellor's spin doc- in principle, but we wouldn't go in tor, with a "wotcha cock" grin on his in 1999. Only unforeseen circumstances would mean us going in in this parliament. But next parliament, if all went well, then - hell - let's do

> Periodically, the Chancellor's statement was punctuated by an inexplicable, hoarse guffaw from the Tory benches - like those laughs that you used to hear at school assembly when 4W mysteriously decided to substitute the word "fart" for "God".

> For our part, we press folk felt ashamed. It was all so clear to us now. You might agree or disagree with the Chancellor's position, but you couldn't dispute its clarity, its transparent see-throughness, its exceptional sharpness of definition. Not unless you were Peter Lilley.

If this was a historic occasion, as Mr Brown had averred, then it was one that Mr Lilley slumped to. For Mr Lilley seemed to think that History is the day that a horse you've at Newmarket, or that memorable moment when the Metro got a flat Mr Brown's first act in his Emu on the Sevenoaks bypass. Thus gallery looking like Little Lord Fauntleroy accused of sodomy),

But perhaps the low point of an already low address came when Mr entry into a single currency in this parliament. "They wouldn't be unforeseen if he could foresee them!" chorded the Labour benches. Ken But that was our problem. Mr looked unhappy. Naughty Charlie wore his naughtiest, biggest grin.

Forces opened up to women

The Defence Secretary announced that the armed forces would be open to more women - but not on the frontline. And Colin Brown, Chief Political Correspondent, says George Robertson has damped down Treasury expectations of big cuts in defence spending.

Change was necessary in the armed forces, Mr Robertson said, and he announced a "quantum change" in the role of women, but said they would not be allowed into combat roles. All jobs in the Regular Army will be opened to women, with the exception of the Infantry and the Household Cavalry and the Royal Armoured Corps, and a review is being carried out on the exceptions to evaluate the impact on combat effectiveness that women might have on frontline units.

Government sources said the Ministry of Defence did not believe the public was ready for women to be on the frontline. From 1 April, 1998, women will

be able to serve in all posts in the Royal Artillery, the Royal Engineers and the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, as reported in lat-er editions of The Independent yesterday.

The most senior rank currently held by a woman is that of Air Commodore, and there are 15,184 women serving in all services, about 7.2 per cent of the total. "The armed forces must represent the society they defend if they are not to become isolated from it," Mr Robertson told MPs at the start of a two-day Commons debate on defence.

A Green Paper is to be published next month on defence diversification to switch defence skills and technologies to other parts of industry.

But the underlying message from the Secretary of State was of the need to plug the gaps in Britain's defences left by the last government. About £9bn had been cut from the defence budget in nine years by the Tories and he made it clear that the workload



Firing line: Women will get more career opportunities in the armed forces, but frontline postings are to be reserved for men

on the armed forces was causing unacceptable "overstretch".

He disclosed there had been a series of spares shortfalls with Britain's force of Challenger 1 tanks and Tornado F3 aircraft. The armed forces could not transport some of its major battle-winning equipment by air. And defence medical services had serious personnel and equipment shortfalls, he said.

More than 1,000 soldiers were sent partment of Health for the NHS.

back to Bosnia last year within six months of finishing a tour of duty in the country. Some had only three weeks in the UK between serving in

the Falklands and moving to Bosnia. Sir George Young, the Tories' spokesman on defence, said the Government's review of defence had been exposed as a "sham" by the Treasury's imposition of a £168m "fine", to switch spending to the De-

New curb on bogus asylum seekers

The Home Secretary, jack Straw, announced tighter controls on "bogus" asylum seekers. The moves, criticised by some as knee-jerk, were a response to the arrival of central Eurpean gypsies in Dover. Legal Affairs Correspondent Michael Streeter examines the plans.

The surprise new policy, which will come into effect immediately and caused some confusion among experts yesterday, is aimed at what the ministers call asylum seekers with "abusive" claims. Currently these claimants are allowed 28 days to make further appeals after their initial interview. This period will be cut to five working

The intention is to cut the growing financial burden on local authorities, which bear the brunt of the costs in housing, feeding and educating the new arrivals. In Kent, where around 800 gypsies from the Czech Republic and Slovakia have arrived in recent weeks, the county council estimates the extra cost at £1.5m.

In London, where most asylum seekers are headed, figures published yesterday show that the number being supported by councils has risen from 2,500 to 20,000 in one year, at a cost of £2m a week.

Mr Straw told MPs the Government was acting "swiftly and firmly" to try to stem the flow of unfounded asylum seekers in Kent, but said the new procedure to tackle "abusive" cases would apply at all ports of entry. He blamed the current burden on local authorities on was considering plans to scrap

the Conservatives' "chaotic" approach to asylum applica-

They created the problem, we are attempting to provide a solution to it," said Mr Straw.

A spokesman for Kent County Council, whose leaders had talks with Home Office minister Mike O'Brien last week to discuss the problems in Dover, welcomed the news. "This is one of the issues we raised and were pushing for."

The exodus of so many gypsies was apparently inspired by a television documentary in the Czech Republic which suggested Britain had weak immigration controls, and painting Kent as a "land of milk and honey".

The reduction in waiting time for so-called abusive cases should mean that they are returned much more quickly to their homeland.

However, the use of the term "abusive" - apparently referring to economic refugees rather than political refugees concerned some experts yes-

Nick Hardwick, chief executive of the Refugee Council, said it welcomed attempts to speed up the handling of cases. but that there were two key questions; whether there would be safeguards for those who needed more time to gather evidence, and how decisions would be made. "How will he decide whether a claim is abu-

Jan Shaw, refugee officer of Amnesty International, said the announcement was "policy on the hoof to make the Government look tough.

"It penalises the genuine. Torture victims don't tell their full story immediately on ar-

Earlier Mr O"Brien had denied reports the Government





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Ministers last night climbed down over White Paper proposals affecting church schools in the face of a bishops' revolt. Lucy Ward, education correspondent, tells how the churches outfaced new Labour.

The Government last night bowed to pressure from the Anglican. Roman Catholic and Methodist churches to redraft a crucial section of its Education Bill to ensure church schools retain their character.

Four days after Anglican bishops threatened to disrupt the passage of the Bill in the House of Lords if changes were not made, David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education.

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announced revisions to a pro- nounced yesterday, proposals to posed new framework to allow all church schools to fall within one category.

In a further climbdown regarded as critical by church leaders, ministers also agreed reverse plans to reduce the influence of the church on aided school governing bodies.

averted a row with the churches by permitting voluntary-aided and voluntary-controlled schools to retain their existing characteristics. Anglican bishops had warned that church schools ethos under proposals contained in July's "Excellence in Schools" White Paper.

Mr Blunkett said last night that the climbdown was evidence of "a new style of government where consultation matters". Under the changes an-

reduce the majority of foundation governors, appointed by trustees or church bodies, on the governing bodies of aided schools will be scrapped. Churches had complained that this risked weakening the link with the church community.

A further key change will see The concessions mean the an alteration in the proposed Government has effectively new framework of schools. Under the original proposals, voluntary-aided schools were expected to move into a new "aided" category, while voluntary-controlled schools, mainly small primaries, were expected risked losing their distinctive to join grant-maintained schools in a new foundation category. They will now join aided schools in a broader "voluntary" school category.

Church schools have also been reassured about their right to apply religious criteria in their admissions policy.



On the move: an art installation by Julian Opie called 'Imagine You're Moving', which was unveiled yesterday at Heathrow's Terminal 1

WPC murder case remand

A 30-year-old man appeared in court yesterday accused of murdering police constable Nina

Magdi Elsueki Mohammed Mackay. Elgizouli, unemployed, was remanded in custody until 4 November by magistrates at Stratford, east London.

Mr Elgizouli spoke through an interpreter to confirm his name and address in Stratford during the eight-minute hearing. Dressed in a full-length

white body shirt, he was flanked in the dock hy an interpreter and three security

No application for bail was made and reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Mr Elgizouli is accused of murdering the 25-year-old constable as she and seven colleagues went to arrest a wanted man at Stratford on Friday night. The constable later died in hospital.

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Call for video cameras in all hospitals

All major hospitals need a system of hidden video cameras to help detect child abuse by parents determined to deceive the experts, it was claimed yesterday.

A secret video operation in two hospitals which exposed parents carrying out sadistic acts on their children was revealed yesterday. A team led by Professor David Southall at the Royal Brompton Hospital, London, and the North Staffordshire Hospital in Stoke-on-Trent found cases of abuse they regarded as completely different from the classic stereotype of

ting out at their children in anger or frustration.

Video evidence in 39 cases over eight years revealed a small band of adults from all social classes carrying out what the authors described as sadistic and children. The disturbing acts of violence will be published in Puediatrics, a child health journal, next week.

They included a father flicking the eyelids of his six-weekold baby, digging his nails into was criticised by some families his palms and telling the boy that when the surveillance became

poor, struggling parents hit- when he was older he would whip and beat him, amputate his limbs and remove his fingernails. One mother broke her baby's arm and 30 out of the group tried to suffocate their child.

But Professor Southall, a consultant paediatrician, and premeditated attacks on their colleague Dr Martin Samuels. warned that the cases they document could be "the tip of the iceberg". Video surveillance. they said, was an "important tool" in detecting abuse.

The use of hidden cameras was criticised by some families

public. But Dr Keith Prowse, the North Staffordshire Hospital's medical director, claimed yesterday that the results vindicated their use. All but one of the children investigated were placed in care and 33 parents were prosecuted. He said: "I think

able in most major centres." A Department of Health spokesman said there would be no government policy to introduce cameras. It was up to the hospitals, but was a measure that could be used in special cases. — Louise lury

[surveillance] should be avail-

Anti-English leaflets condemned by Scots as rubbish

Perthshire has raised the spectre of a re-run in Scotland of the dividual involved. arson attacks on second homes

that hit Wales twenty years ago. Though the local Scottish National Party MP dismissed any suggestion of tension in the area, the incident comes as

anti-English hostility is again an

found by the roadside in the find but are not optimistic constituency the leaflets were ist group Scottish Watch. More about tracing the group or in-

> printed in red, is all that is written on the 300 leaflets. They appeared to have been dumped in a bundle by the A9 - the main main route to the Highlands. The SNP condemned the

The four-word command,

found, said all Scots would consouthern edge of the Highlands, the area has many second homes, but Mr Swinney said

there was no tension.

Kinross by-election, the SNP erate into ethnic violence. gained a court injunction ban-

The call "Burn English holiday issue in Scotland. Special racist message. John Swinney, ning the distribution of antihomes" on hundreds of leaflets branch officers are investigating MP for North Tayside, in whose English leaflets by the extremdemn such "rubbish". On the victed in Stirling of assaulting an English schoolboy because of his accent. And only last week a Scottish historian. James Hunter, warned that hatred of During the 1995 Perth and English residents could degen-

Stephen Goodwin

DAILY POEM

Love's Mourner

By Augusta Webster

Tis men who say that through all hurt and pain The woman's love, wife's, mother's, still will hold And breathes the sweeter and will more unfold For winds that tear it, and the sorrowful rain. So in a thousand voices has the strain Of this dear patient madness been retold, That men call woman's love. Ah! they are bold, Naming for love that grief which does remain.

Love faints that looks on baseness face to face: Love pardons all; but by the pardonines dies. With a fresh wound of each pierced through the breast. And there stand pityingly in Love's void place Kindness of household wont familiar-wise. And faith to Love - faith to our dead at rest.

This week's poems come from the new, 800-page Penguin Book of Victorian Verse, selected and edited by Daniel Karlin (Allen Lane/The Penguin Press, £25). Augusta Webster was a feminist, suffragist and member of the London School Board; "Love's Mourner" comes from her sonnet sequence Mother and Daughter, posthumously published in 1895.

Freedom who woman who gave ecstasy as birthday gift

nearly died after she gave her an ecstasy tablet on her 21st birthday was freed from jail yesterday when the Court of Appeal cut her sentence.

Joanna Maplethorpe, of Caterbam, Surrey, had her nine-month prison term reduced to four months by two judges in London.

The 22-year-old sales representative, described as being of previous "exemplary" character and from a respectable background, had already served the shortened term following her sentencing at Guildford Crown Court on 15 August.

Announcing yesterday's decision, Lord Justice Evans said it was right when dealing with such cases to concentrate on the

A woman whose best friend particular circumstances and personal mitigation involved in

"She [Maplethorpe] was of good character. Not only did she plead guilty, she made unprompted admissions when the news of her friend's illness came to her that she was the person who had supplied the drug. The consequences for her have been devastating."

He said the court had been left in no doubt that she had learnt her lesson and that she would "never have contact with drugs again",

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Butcher cleared of E.coli allegations

The butcher at the Court, Lanarkshire, was haltcentre of allegations over E.coli 0157 poisoning was cleared yesterday when a Scottish sheriff declared there was no case to answer that John Barr had "culpably and recklessly supplied cooked meats". Charles declared not guilty. Arthur, Science Editor,

His family on the public benches cheered and got up to hug him, but John Barr, the Scottish butcher whose shop was linked to a major E.coli food poisoning outbreak, said nothing; not then and not later.

explains why.

A trial at Hamilton Sheriff

Sheriff agreed to a submission from Mr Barr's solicitor who said that there was no case to answer to the Crown's accu-Sheriff agreed to a submission "culpably, wilfully and recklessly supplying cooked meats" the day after environmental Mr Barr, 52, of Overtown, was

The Sheriff told Mr Barr that, under the terms of the Criminal Procedures Scotland Act, there was no case to answer because there was no second strand of evidence to corroborate the Crown's case.

As Mr Barr left the dock he looked visibly moved, and walked straight to members of

The trial had heard evidence from witnesses who fell

ill with E.coli 0157 food pored after just six days when the soning after an 18th birthday

sations against Mr Barr of control team linew that meat allegedly from Mr Barr's shop in Fay MacFarlane, 50, who had health officers told him not to. authorities because he didn't think it was important

Mr Barr had tried to contact, the customer who had bought . The party but was told there was the meat for the party on the day it was due to take place, 23 November last year, the court heard: he asked customer David Moon, 66, who hadpicked up £40 worth of cooked meat from his shop, to get in touch with him "right away".

But Mr Moon was not at home, and the messages were left on his answering machine. When Mr Moon returned

home the next day he contacted Mr Barr who asked if he wanted to cancel the party and exchange the meat. But by this time the party had taken place. The court also heard evi-

Wishaw was due to be eaten at organised the party at the Casthe party, but didn't contact the cade forther daughter Lauren. She telephoned Law Hospatal, Lanarkshire, for reassurance over the food scare before

dence from Mr Moon's niece,

no problem with the meat, and to "have a great party". Professor High Pennington, who investigated the E.coli 0157 outbreak in Scotland, said this case highlighted the difficulty in controlling the bacterium. "The bug itself is so devious and malignant that it

can get through the best safe-



ms," he said on BBC Not guilty: John Barr on his way into Hamilton Sheriff

Gay-sex link in knife murder of inner-city priest

A petty thief and drug addict who killed a priest who was believed to have been paying him for homosexual sex was yesterday jailed

Terence Storey boasted that he received £1,500 from meetings with the Rev Christopher Gray, Preston Crown Court was told. On the night of 12 August last year, Storey was seen in the vicarage grounds awaiting Fr Gray's return to St Margaret's church, Anfield, Liverpool. They met shortly after midnight. Storey produced the knife that he habitually carried and called "my baby",

Storey, 32, escaped after demanding at knife point the church and stabbed Fr Gray, 32, five times. warden's car. He told friends later that Fr Gray let out an "carpiercing scream" as he was stabbed. "I'll never forget that noise for the rest of my life," Storey said. He pleaded guilty to murder.

Fr Gray chose an inner-city ministry in preference to a career in the diplomatic service. A brilliant Oxford scholar, he was or dained in 1992 and moved to St Margaret's after serving in a deprived housing estate. He was described as one of the ablest priests of his generation by the Rt Rev David Sheppard, former Bishop of Liverpool, and had been earmarked for the episcopacy.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Kay said Storey had murdered a man "who if he had lived would have done enormous good". The court was not told of Fr Gray's homosexual relationship with Storey. But sources said the priest had paid Storey for sex.

and Storey had spent the money on drugs.

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Blair's Lockerbie invitation

Tony Blair is to invite relatives of victims of the Lockerbie disaster for talks in Downing Street, it was revealed yesterday.

Jim Swire, who lost his daughter Flora in the 1988 airliner bombing which claimed 270 lives, welcomed the offer, but said it was "too early to say" if the move suggested a greater government willingness to bow to pressure by relatives for a trial of two accused Libyans in a neutral country. "This is the first promise of a meeting we have had in nine years. It is a remarkable indication of greater openness on the part of the new Government compared with its predecessors." Dr Swire said the offer was made three days before South African President Nelson Mandela argued at the Commonwealth summit that justice would not be seen to be done if a trial was held in Scotland.

Cherie Blair visits Dunblane

Cherie Blair yesterday launched after-school care. At the mothe new premises of the Dun-ment, 68 children use the facilof the village primary school. where 16 children and their teacher were murdered last year by Thomas Hamilton.

Mrs Blair, vice president of the National Kids' Club Net- sense of security." work, opened the new brick and timber building made possible The club provides pre- and

blane Kids' Club in the grounds ity for painting, computer games and outdoor events. Dr Kim Jauncey, chairman

of the club, said: "The kids really love it. One of the main things is that there is a great

The club formerly operated from an old building. However, by a £195,000 grant from the Dr. Jauncey said yesterday that National Lottery Charity Board. two years ago it was decided a new building was needed.

gun culture

A special guns amnesty was launched in Brixton, south London, yesterday as Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, appealed for an end to the "cancer" of

The initiative will run during November and follows a series of shootings in the borough of Lambeth, that resulted in three deaths. Under the scheme, people will be able to hand in guns or give information without fear of prosecution. It was devised in consultation with local residents to tackle gun culture. If it proves successful it could

be extended to other areas.

Straw targets Commuters get yellow card

firearm-related crime.

of a week-long campaign by Connex South Central.

Two dozen commuters were handed football-style red or yellow cards as they arrived at

East Croydon station yesterday. Their offence was to have opened the door before the train had come to a halt. The cards were handed as the start

Staff distributed yellow cards for passengers who opened the door before the train stopped, and red for letting it swing open. Cards said: "Opening the train door before the train has come to a standstill is extremely dangerous... Please do not do it again."



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Roller for sale. May appeal to German buyer

The world's motor companies began jockeying for poll position yesterday in a race to buy Rolls-Royce. after its owner, Vickers, announced it was ready

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Steve Boggan examines the sale and asks whether the world still needs a car regarded by some as unfashionable and ostentatious.

In 1990, before house prices slumped and while City gamblers were still making big money, Rolls-Royce reported sales of 3,333 cars, the biggest number since it was founded in 1904.

During the first nine months only 1,396 vehicles. only 1,396 vehicles. the drop, however, BMW, Ferrari and Mercedes were all reported to be among the likely bidders when Sir Colin Chandier, the chairman of Vickers, announced yesterday that Rolls-Royce was to be sold off for an estimated £400m.

The reason is simple; although sales are nowhere near 1990 levels, they are up by 9 per day, a bottom-of-the-range Silcent on last year, and the company's fortunes have been £123,000. That would include turned around since it was the finest Scandinavian leather bought by Vickers for £38m in seats, an air conditioning system 1980. Add to that the hundreds of millions of pounds invested in new plant, and the development of a "new generation" of Rolls-Royces, you have a potent combination when motor manuover which other motor manufacturers are drooling.

The decision to sell appears to have been sparked by the realisation that Vickers simply could not afford the rolling levels of investment required to continue to develop new models. In 1994, that amounted to £30m, in 1995 it was £20m, and in 1996 £25m.

The company, whose core the specialist motoring manufacturers appear to agree.

We see this as the optimum

our shareholders and the optimum time for a purchaser to take over," a Vickers spokeswoman said yesterday. "There are new models in the pipeline, we have invested in new plant and testing facilities and sales are increasing.

"If we sell now, we can use the proceeds to invest in our core businesses and we can leave Rolls-Royce with an assured future." When the sale of the Crewe-

based company - which also makes Bentleys - goes ahead, all the major British car man-ufacturers will be owned by foreign companies. Rover is owned by BMW, which yesterday appeared to be emerging as the front-runner to buy Rolls, Vauxhall by General Motors, and Jaguar and Asion Martin by Ford, which last night said it had "no interest" in a bid for Rolls, despite early speculation.

Rolls-Royce has long represented a British obsession with perfection and luxury. The cars were first manufactured in 1904 when Charles Rolls, a millionaire's son fascinated by the new horseless carriages, asked Henrv Royce, a Manchester engineer, to go into business with him.

Back then, a Rolls-Royce would have cost you £395. Tover Dawn would set you back costing as much as an entire Metro, a dashboard hand-built from Italian walnut and bodywork painted and polished over and over again. A top-of-therange Bentley Continental T would cost £233,000.

cles, however, that the ostentatiousness represented by Rolls Royce cars has become anachronistic, even "naff", the company rejects such sentiments out of hand. "Anyone who can afford a

Rolls-Royce or Bentley is a very discerning person with a high net worth," said spokesman Robin business is in defence systems, Peel. "We are in the world's top said yesterday that the cost five best-known brands and we of development would be less are a byword for quality and preburdensome for a firm that cision engineering. Rolls-Royces I have a car that is worth the specialised in motor manufac- are still treated with a kind of same as it was two years ago. Not turing, something with which reverence, spiritual respect and

But it is not only wealthy people who can afford a Rollstime to maximise the value for Royce. Because of the incred-



Roller With It: Noel Gallagher of the rock group Oasis with the Rolls-Royce given to him as a present by Creation Records boss Alan McGee after the band's second album went platinum Photograph: LFI

ible depreciation - and high running costs - of the vehicles, they can be bought relatively cheaply as used cars.

Chris Sheffield, 36, a Leices-Despite a feeling in many cir- years ago. "When I was 17 and is the driving."

> gallon every six miles around town, maintenance is low be-

> "Mine has probably depreciated all it's going to now. So many people can say that. What can you get for £15,000 - a new Mondeo or an old Rolls-Royce.

I know which I'd choose."

ter businessman, bought a 1982 Silver Spirit for £15,000 two still an apprentice, I promised myself I would buy one," he said. "They are incredible to drive - quiet, smooth and fast. People look at you and that's quite a laugh, but the main enjoyment

And in spite of guzzling a cause the cars are so well made.

Future for Vickers? Page 25

BORN IN BRITAIN & OWNED ABROAD No longer ruling the waves Lea & Perrins, makers of HP

Sealink, the ferry company, was taken over by Swedish line Stena in 1990; Cunard, the luxury cruise line which owns the OE2, was sold to Swedish company Kvaemer in 1996.

Foods in foreign hands Dalgety, the British food company, sold Pot Noodle to USgiant CPC in 1995, CPC already owned Marmite, Bovril and Hellman's Mayonnaise

Sauce and Worcester Sauce. was bought by French con-

Property Harrods was sold to Egyptian

Mohammed Al-Fayed in 1985. Old British money, ne

foreign returns In 1995, Barings was sold off to dutch bank ING after its colapse, and Kleinwort Benson

and Morgan Grenfell were both bought by German banks, Dresdner and Deutsche.

Raleigh, the British bicycle manufacturer, was bought by US conglomerate Derby International in 1987. Spears, maker of Scrabble, was bought out by Mattel of the US in 1994. Waddington sold the rights to Monopoly and Cluedo to US



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Israel shudders as Iran prepares to go ballistic

Israel says that, within 18 months, Iran will have a missile capable of hitting Tel Aviv.

The weapon has been developed with aid from Russia, but Patrick Cockburn in Jerusalem has discovered that Israel's campaign to get President Bill Clinton to force Moscow to stop helping Iran is running into trouble.

The Israeli official painted a frightening picture. Within 18 months Iran will be able to fire a missile with a 700kg warhead at any target in Israel. Its missile programme - it has four other missiles under development - is moving so fast because it is receiving unprecedented technical aid from Russia aimed at turning Iran into a regional superpower.

Israel is waging a fierce political campaign in Washington, focused on President Bill Clinton, Congress, intelligence agencies and the press, to compel Boris Yeltsin, the Russian President, to stop his technical assistance to Iran. The White House sent warnings to Israel this month urging it not to lobby Congress to cut funds to Russia.

In the past two days, Benjamin Netanvahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, has heen trying to persuade Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, who is on a visit to Israel, to stop Moscow helping to build Iranian missiles. To add to the sense of urgency, Israel is saying that within six or eight months Iran will be able to proeced even without Russian support.

Israel is not optimistic about getting anywhere. The willingness of Russia to support the development of the Shihab 3 missile in the face of American and Israeli pressure is a critical test for Moscow in the Middle East, where its influence has faded since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

"Russia has taken a strategic decision," said a senior Israeli official who insisted on anonymity, "This will change the situation in the Middle East overnight. It will turn Iran into a regional superpower."

It is not so much that Israel thinks Iran will attack it, but that the development of a long-range missile by the Iranians would erode Israel's military superiority in the Middle East based on its monopoly of weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them. During the Iran-Iraq war and for some years afterwards Israel itself supplied arms to Iran.

The row over Iran's missi ger controversy in Washington over how to velop ballistic missiles and asked for the moment, it is doing both. Last month, de- Total, which signed a \$2bn (£1.26bn) con- invented dual containment.

Iran's new missile puts Israel within range for the first time IRAN **EGYPT** EGYPT - 12 Frog-7s 9 Scuds SHIHAB 3 Range of SHIHAB 4 2,000 km Missiles known to be in

year of President Mohammed Khatami, a supposedly moderate leader.

Iran tried to develop the Shihab 3 with North Korea in the early Nineties. This was tested, not very successfully, in 1993, but fell victim to a tacit US-North Korea agreement. Tehran turned to Russia, which was eager to help; Moscow believed it would gain a strategic ally, while the US would be reluctant to impose sanctions.

So far, Russia's calculations have been rect. On his visit to Israel, Mr Primakov attempt to stop them has also ignited a big-simply denied Russia was helping Iran de-whether to court or confront Iran. For the sanctions against the French oil company Indyk, former US ambassador to Israel, who

handle Iran since the election earlier this source of the information. Israel saw this as a "fishing" expedition to discover the source of its intelligence. Israel argues that only the Russian leadership could have authorised the involvement of institutions such as the Polyus Research Institute in Moscow and the Kuznetzov company in Samara in building the engine and guidance systems for the Shihab 3. It adds that Russia is also helping Iran develop the Shihab 4, a 2,000km-range missile with a one-tonne warhead, based on the Russian SS-4.

Washington is in a quandary over

leaked to the right-wing Washington Times, presumably by an American or an Israeli looking for a confrontation. But, a little later, the State Department made a conciliatory gesture to Tehran when it listed for the first time the Mojahedin-e-Khalq, the guerrilla movement opposed to the Iranian government, as "terrorists".

The American policy of "dual containment" of Iraq and Iran, which has lasted for five years, is looking more and more ragged. Washington this month deferred

tails of the Israeli intelligence report were tract with Iran to develop a natural-gas field. In the latest sign of a rift within the US administration on how to handle Iran. Robert Pelletreau, the recently retired Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East, told a conference in Qatar last Saturday that the US should seek dialogue with Iran. This, he said, would have "at least as much chance as the present policy of se-

> the United States seeks to achieve". On the other hand, Mr Pelletreau's successor at the State Department is Martin

curing the change in Iranian policies that

Weapons that hold balance of terror

Israel has up to 100 nuclear warheads and the means to deliver them by missile, according to the International Institute of Strategic Studies' Military Balance.

Delivery systems include the Jericho 1 missile, which has a range of up to 500 kilometres and the Jericho 2 tested in 1987 to 1989, with a range of up to 1,500km.

Israel says that Iran is developing the Shihab 3 missile with a range of 1,300 kilometres and a warhead of 700 kilos. It says this will be ready by 1999, though other specialists say that testing and making the missile operational will take longer.

Iran is also said to be developing the Shihab 4 with a range of 2000km and a payload of one tonne, based on the Russian SS-4. It also says that there are two other Iranian missile programmes. one of which is intercontinental, and could hit the east coast of the United States. None of these programmes has been named.

In 1988, Iraq and Iran fired missiles at each other's capitals. Iraq is believed to have used 189 missiles and Iran about

During the Gulf War, Iraq fired 39 Scud missiles at Tel Aviv with some accuracy, their aiming point being the Ministry of Defence. They were fired from Iraq's western desert.

The US air force diverted significant air resources to trying to destroy the Scud launchers in 1991 and claimed to have destroyed 90 of them. Post-war intelligence analysis by the CIA revealed that the real figure was nil.

Patriot anti-missile batteries provided by the US to Israel were also largely unsuccessful in hitting the Scuds.

Israel was jolted by the success of Iraq in 1991 in hitting Tel Aviv and the inability of Israel and the US to stop even old-fashioned missiles. It has therefore taken very seriously the import of Scud missiles to Syria and the development of longer-range missiles by Iran.

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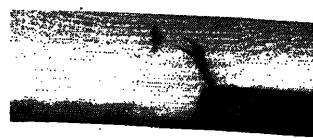
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Water firms facing fines over leaks

Water companies will today be told they must reduce leakage or face penalties. The privatised companies have faced criticism in the past for paying out high dividends while leakage is high. Genda Cooper, Consumer Affairs Correspondent, explains.

Water companies will today be given tough targets to curb leakage of millions of gallons a year or face action by the industry's watchdog.

The privatised companies are under pressure from the Government and consumers to cut back water losses.

In the past, the companies have set their own targets, but Ofwat is to tell them they will have to cut water losses by 10-20 per cent in the next year by updating the pipe network and improving detection and repair

"This is a big challenge and these new targets will be far tougher than the previous targets," said one source. Last year the targets set by the companies were 5 per cent.

If a company fails to meet the Ofwat target it will face demands for an explanation from the regulator. An insufficient explanation could then lead to more serious action, such as an undertaking – a legal form of responsibility, of the sort used if standards of drinking water are breached.

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A company breaching an undertaking could be taken to the High Court and fined, costing it millions of pounds.

Today Ofwat will also publish details of individual companies' leakage levels for 1996-7 as well as the targets set for each of the 10 privatised firms and the 18 smaller water supply companies which have always been in private ownership.

Between April 1995 and March 1996 – the year of the record drought – the industry was leaking 4,979 million litres per day. The following year the figure was 4,502 million litres a day – which was 9.6 per cent less, with the majority of the reduction coming from the ten big, privatised water and sewerage companies.

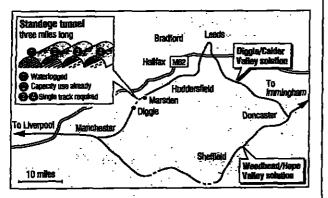
Thames Water is still losing more than 1,000 million litres a day and North West Water, which has reduced its leakage from 789 million litres in 1995-6 to 666 million litres a day in 1996-7, will also be watching carefully.

Yorkshire Water, which had price curbs imposed on it following its handling of the drought, has come down from 485 million litres a day to 420 litres a day and Severn Trent has reduced leakage from 632 million litres a day to 479 million

In June this year, Ian Byatt, the director general of Ofwat, criticised the companies when five of them handed out dividends of 10 per cent upwards, in most cases outstripping increases in underlying pre-tax profits.

The following month the watchdog ordered cuts in household bills and accused the companies of overcharging, damaging the environment and falling down on the job. It attacked the 29 privatised water companies for paying out huge dividends to shareholders at the expense of customers while failing to plug leaks.

The Water Services Association representing the ten big privatised firms said yesterday they would not comment until Ofwat's report was published.



Rail tunnel plan to get freight off road

Getting freight off the roads and onto the railways is a key plank of the Government's transport strategy.

Randeep Ramesh, Transport Correspondent, examines Railtrack's chances of fulfilling the Government's intentions by reopening lines under the Pennines.

Railtrack, the owner of the nation's track and signalling, is considering expanding the busy rail network in the North-east in order to draw freight from the region's roads.

Under consideration are four separate schemes – all costing millions of pounds – linking Leeds and Manchester. These two cities are considered the gateways to traffic from the ports which carry containers from Ireland to the Continent.

However, the motorway that links the two cities, the M62, is so heavily used that it is congested for most of the day. More than 110,000 vehicles use the motorway every day - of which, according to the Government, at least 27,000 are trains.

heavy goods vehicles.

Rail freight companies have long used the argument that as clogged roads significantly lowered travelling times, more lorry operators would switch to traffic to the tracks.

Of the four options considered by Railtrack, the most

likely to get a green light is the "Diggle" route – which traverses the central Pennines and takes in Staleybridge and Huddersfield. The problem with this route is a set of Victorian tunnels at Standege. At present there are three tunnels which can take trains. One is already full – taking travellers on the Trans Pennine Express.

The other two were closed down in 1966, and the railway tracks removed five years later. Laying six miles of track and putting in signalling, experts say, would cost at least £10m.

But the "Diggle" route runs close to Wakefield Europort—used as a drop off and collection point by container traffic crossing to the Continent. This would also provide an ideal link to the Europer ports.

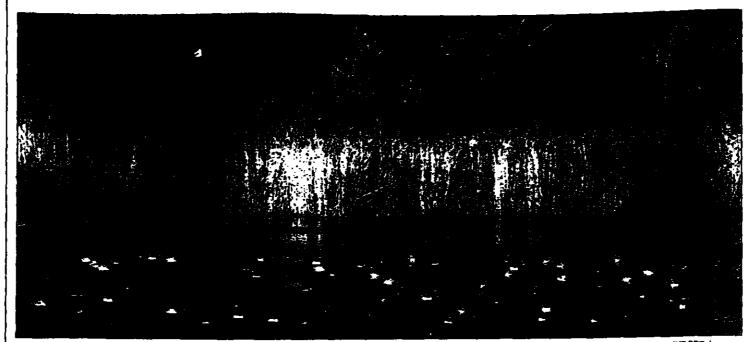
Other options include the Hope Valley run – which takes in most of the southern Pennines. The main problem with this route is it needs to use Sheffield station – which is already congested with passenger

trains.

Freight operators welcomed the move. A spokesman for the Freight Transport Association, which represents 90 per cent of the rail freight market, said: "It is a growing market which would be a spowing market which would be a spower as the spowing market which would be a spower as the spower as

however, some sceptics warned that taking lorries off the road would not significantly alter traffic levels. "On the M62 you are talking about a few per cent of the total traffic moving to the railways," said one rail manager who did not wish to be named.

Last refuge for wintering geese is saved



Wildlife haven: The Mid Yare reserve, granted special protection by English Nature

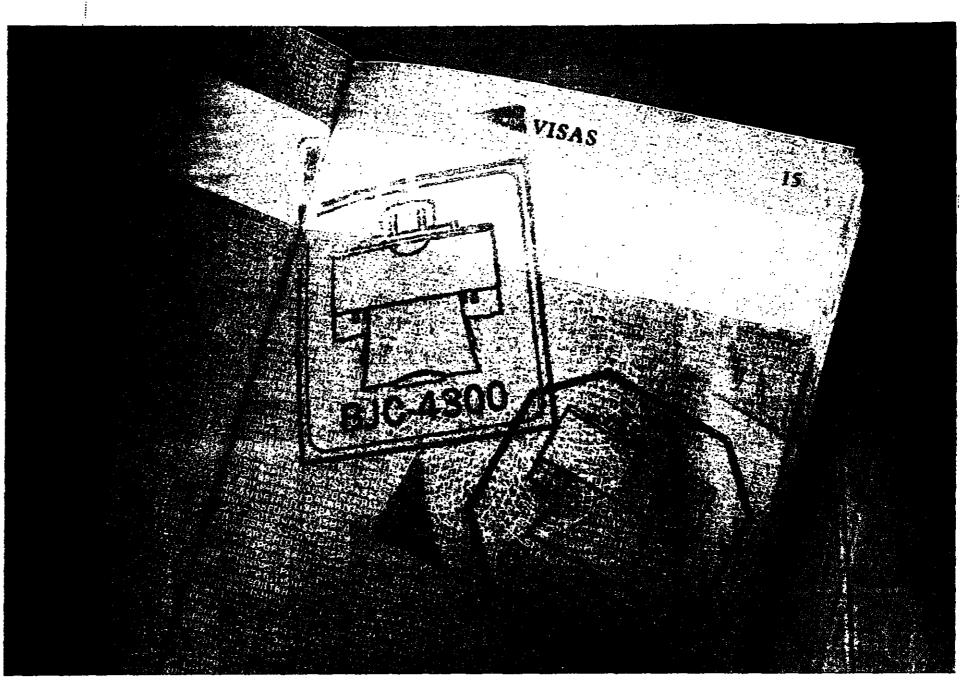
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A marshland that is home to England's only regular wintering flock of bean geese, as well as many rare insects and animals, was yesterday given special protection status by English Nature.

The Mid Yare reserve, five miles east of Norwich, is a haven for the beautiful swallowtail butterfly, the Norfolk hawker dragonfly and the otter. The 800-hectare site straddles both sides of the River Yare near Strumpshaw, Rockland, Buckenham and Cantley.

Managed by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the reserve's outstanding wildflower meadows, reedbeds, grazing marshes, fens and woodlands are vital habitats for breeding birds, including the marsh harrier, kingfisher, barn owl and snipe. Thousands of ducks, geese and wading birds – including up to 7,000 widgeons – winter on Buckenham Marshes.

Announcing the designation yesterday Lord Cranbrook, chairman of English Nature, said: "We are recognising the work of the RSPB in creating and managing, with a dedicated team of staff, this wonderful nature reserve."



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Serbs told to hand over Karadzic

Britain will press Bosnian Serbs to hand over their former president, Radovan Karadzic, when a Foreign Office minister visits Pale this week. Mr Karadzic is on indicted war criminal, but the authorities in the self-styled Republika Srpska have refused to allow him to be put on trial.

"I will have a simple message for the Bosnian Serbs." said Tony Lloyd, the Forcign Office Minister of State, yesterday. "You could do yourself and everyone else a great favour by handing over Radovan Karadzic to the Hague. He has no place in the new Bosnia."

Mr Lloyd had no suggestions about further action that the international community was prepared to take to achieve that end. Despite moves to arrest war criminals and clamp down on abuses of media freedom in Bosnia, there has been no evidence of any intention to force a confrontation over the main targets - Mr Karadzic and General Radko Mladic, former commander of the Bosnian Serb army.

Mr Lloyd will visit Bosnia and Yugoslavia during a four-day trip starting today. "In Serbia, I will be pressing President [Slobodan] Milosevic hard on the need for further democratisation - including greater media freedom," he said. "The onus is on Yugoslavia to live up to international democratic norms if it is to become again a respectable member of the European family of nations."

He will also meet President Alija Izetbegovic in the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, and visit Banja Luka for talks with Biljana Plavsic, president of the Serbian republic, and opposition leaders.

Protest unlikely to save doomed atom plant

Hundreds of workers yesterday blocked entrances to France's Superphenix nuclear reactor in protest at its scheduled closure. Rupert Comwell says they are unlikely to secure a reprieve for the troubled fast-breeder

The real miracle is that, even in the European country which is most committed to nuclear power, Superphenix has survived so long, given the worldwide fall from grace of fast-breeder reactors, and the problems which have beset its 20 years

Superphenix was conceived at the height of France's campaign under presidents Pompidou and Giscard d'Estaing to develop its nuclear industry and lessen the country's dependence on imported oil.

But since its inception in 1977, the 1.200 Megawatt facility has only served the national electricity grid for less than a year in all, and was shut down in July 1990 after a series of potentially dangerous leaks from its cooling system.

After extensive repairs, the reactor was restarted in 1994, but only for research and terrorist nuclear catastrophe. experimental purposes. However, complaints by French environmentalists continued and within only a month of coming to power in June, the Socialist government of Lionel Jospin announced that the reactor, which has cost Fr60bn (£6.5bn) would be shut down for good.

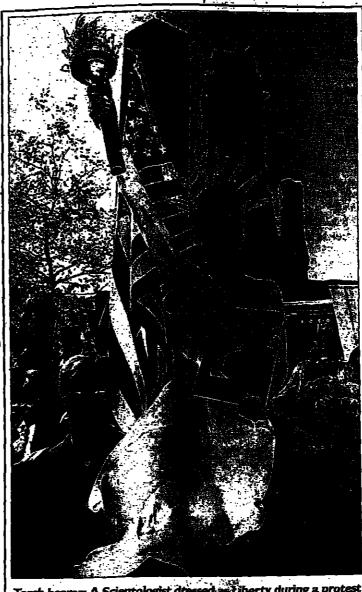
The protest yesterday, the latest of several employee demonstrations since last week, drew several hundred people according to organisers. The protesters demanded to talk with Christian Pierret, the secretary of industry, and the head of the French electric company, Electricité de France, on the future of Superphenix.

According to the protesters, who have staged a week-long occupation of the administrative building at the reactor complex at Creys-Malville near Grenoble, 4,000 jobs will be directly and indirectly lost: indeed, just a week ago the Italian partner in Superphenix, the electrical utility ENEL, said it was sending home French technicians working on the project in

But the French government will argue that the fast breeder is now a dangerous anachronism. In the 1970s, when it was forecast that uranium reserves would soon run out, the device seemed the key to the nuclear future - creating a never ending supply of plutonium fuel even as it burnt

But uranium has proved to be far more abundant than expected, while a glut of plutonium has emerged, which is extremely costly to store and process. And all the while fears have grown of an environmental or

Three years ago, Britain closed its fastbreeder at Dounreay, while Germany and the United States have pulled out of the sector. With the advent of a less nationalist government in Paris; more sympathetic to green issues, it was almost inevitable that France would follow suit.



Torch bearer: A Scientologist dressed as Liberty during a protest in Berlin yesterday against what church members see as German Photograph: Reuters discrimination against religious minorities

French truckers ready to strike

A French trade union leader said yesterday that truckers were ready to block roads around the country next Sunday in a repeat of their crippling 1996 strike.

After talks with employers, adjourned at the weekend until today, Roger Poletti said truckers had held "a war council" and had completed plans to set up some 180 roadblocks from 2 November. The threat of a strike is real ... Everything is ready, "said Mr Poletti, secretary general of the truck drivers' division of the Force Ouvrière trade union. Unions are pressing employers to honour promises they made after 12 days of protest last November.

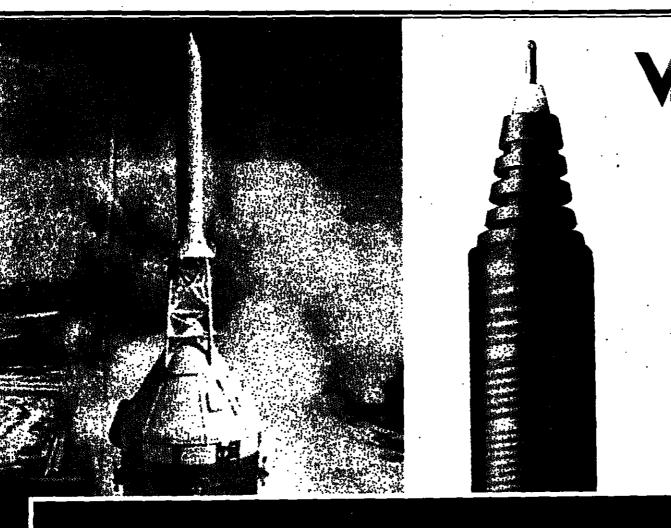
Truckers are twice as resolute as last year, because they feel they were fooled, Mr Poletti said. Any agreement will need to be engraved in granite so that we won't be duped again."

Mr Poletti called on the government and the employers' association, CNPF, to pressure road haulage bosses to make concessions in order to avert a strike that could have serious consequences for the econ-

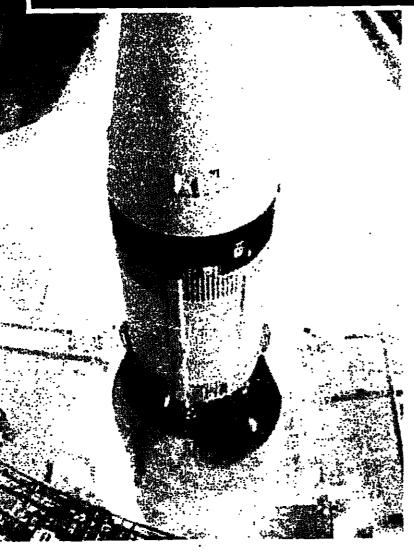
He said a fresh stoppage could cost France more than last year's, which is estimated to have cut France's economic growth to 13 per cent from an expected 1.7 per cent.

Mr Poletti said he suspected the CNPF, which is at odds with the Socialist government over a plan to cut the working week from 39 hours to 35, might be satisfied to see the socialist government in trouble with the truckers.

The UFT road haulage employers' federation has said it wants to negotiate and has put proposals on the table.



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over remarks

Poland's centre-right Solidarity bloc, about to head a new coalition cabinet, yesterday condemned remarks by a prominent pro-Solidarity priest who said Jews should have no place in the government.

The priest, Henryk Jankowski, was quoted as saying in a sermon on Sunday that he agreed with views that "the Jewish minority should not be accepted in our government". "It is clear how far Fr Jankowski strays in his words from declarations of the Catholic Church's bishops," said Tomasz Tywonek, a Solidarity Election Action (AWS) spokesman. This statement and this kind of thinking will never be accepted," he said.

Fr Jankowski aimed his comments at Bronislaw Geremek. proposed for foreign minister by the liberal Freedom Union party as it holds talks on a joint cabinet with the Solidarity bloc. — Reuters, Warsaw

Priest rebuked Swiss banks list 14,000 names

Swiss banks will publish a second list of thousands more dormant accounts tomorrow to try to find their rightful owners and counter accusations that they are hoarding Holocaust victims' money. Unlike the first list of nearly 1,800 accounts released last July, the second directory will include names of Swiss citizens as well as foreigners who entrusted money to the banks before 1945.

Bankers hope the new list, which covers some 14,000 people and 13 million Swiss francs (£7.8m), will help ease the pressure they face from critics. People can search the new list via Internet (http://www.dormant accounts.ch).

Reuters, Zurich

Russian smugglers foiled

Federal security agents and customs officers have foiled a plot to smuggle dozens of 19th-century religious icons out of Russia. A task force seized 67 icons from a passenger train in Smolensk en route from Moscow to Warsaw. The icons had been bought "dirt cheap" in villages in the Yaroslavl region, northeast of

Kosova Albanians on trial

Nineteen ethnic Albanians alleged to belong to a paramilitary group are on trial on charges of terrorism and separatism. The defendants, all alleged to belong to the Kosovo Liberation Army. face long prison terms. Two of them, who are also charged with homicide, could be sentenced to death. Two are being tried in absentia. It is the third mass trial this year of ethnic Albanian separatists in the southern province of Kosovo, where 90 per cent of the 1.9 million population are ethnic Albanians.

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Cherie Blair enjoying a fashion show for the wives of leaders at the Commonwealth summit in Edinburgh yesterday

Rich help poor but struggle for democracy goes on

Teady to strik

The summit adopted its first economic charter, the "Economic Declaration on Promoting Shared Prosperity". It commits the Commonwealth. with qualifications, to globalisation and economic liberalisation. It was praised by Downing Street as "signalling the end of ideology and reflecting basic principles of economic and social justice" An all out push for a free market was watered down by demands for regulation by developing countries terrified they might be swamped in a global free for all. The declaration, issued after tough negotiations between rich and poor members, was judged a fitting complement to the Harare Commonwealth Declaration of 1991 which concentrated on hum in rights.

Development

Heads of government expressed concerns about the problems of the Least Developed Countries and offered special economic assistance to "vulnerable" states, including the establishment of a Commonwealth trade and investment access facility, funded by Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Britain, to give developing countries technical advice on how to take advantage of globalisation.

Conference agreed both developed and developing countries should make "significant reductions" on greenhouse gas emissions in advance of December's Kyoto conference.

Human rights

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Heads of government reaffirmed their commitment to the fundamental values of the Commonwealth, as set out in

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the Harare Declaration which emphasised the value of democ- tween now and 1 October 1998 racy, good governance, sustainable development and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. They accepted the report from the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (which comprises foreign ministers) on The Gambia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. They decided to establish CMAG as a permanent body to look at persistent and serious violations of the Harare man rights abuses worsen. Declaration.

They welcomed the move towards elections and the transition to civilian, democratic and constitutional rule in The Gambia and said they had received assurances from the Gambian authorities that progress towards the Harare principles would continue.

They agreed the suspension of Nigeria, agreed in 1995 in New Zealand, would continue, but rejected demands for expulsion. The summit criticised human rights failures and the. continuing detention of Chief Moshood Abiola, victor in democratic elections before the imposition of military rule by General Sani Abacha. Controversially, the conference also noted the "positive contribution" Nigeria is making through the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas) in support of democracy in west Africa; a reference to the paradox of the Nigerian dictatorship spearheading military attempts to restore democracy to

neighbouring Sierra Leone. Heads of government empowered CMAG to invoke a raft of mild Commonwealth

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New members Applications for membership from Rwanda, Yemen and Palestine were considered. All were put on hold. Palestine appears to have a strong case for membership (applicants need to have a constitutional association with an existing Commonwealth member) but is not yet a sovereign state. Yemen and Rwanda do not meet the criterion but Why Are You Shamed By Your Mistakes are being "kept under review". Fiji was welcomed back into the

military junta.

Next summits

South Africa was accepted as host for the 1999 Commonwealth Conference and Australia for 2001.

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after its expulsion following a

sanctions against Nigeria be-

when the Nigerian government

promises to hold free and fair

elections. Visa restrictions on

members of the Nigerian

regime and their families, an

arms embargo, a visa-based

ban on all sporting contacts and

the downgrading of diplomat-

ic missions are among the mea-

sures which may be introduced

if Nigeria's promised transi-

tion to civilian rule falters or hu-

After 1 October, CMAG

will assess whether Nigeria has

completed a credible programme for the restoration of

democracy. If so the suspension

from the Commonwealth will be

lifted. If not, expulsion will be

considered along with the in-

troduction of a mandatory oil

ban, a ban on air-links and the

freezing of the financial assets

and bank accounts in foreign

countries of members of the regime and their families.

The summit condemned the

military coup in Sierra Leone in

May 1997, which overthrew de-

mocratically elected President

Ahmad Tejan Kabbah. Until le-

gitimate government is restored, Sierra Leone will be

excluded from Commonwealth

participation. The summit wel-

comed UN oil, arms and trav-

el sanctions on the Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone

Glow of success undimmed by shadow of unrepentant Nigeria

The Commonwealth Summit was declared a spectacular success by an ever-smiling Tony Blair yesterday at its conclusion in Edinburgh. But Mary Braid asks what was achieved and just what was there to celebrate?

The end-of-conference back slapping and endless playful jibes about Tony Blair's tender years were salt in the wounds of Nigerian political activists at the Commonwealth summit in Edinburgh yesterday.

Presidents from all over the English-speaking world had come together to chew the fat but to many Nigerian human rights groups the conference was literally a matter of life and death. While heads of state looked forward to teeing up on St Andrews' famous golf course. the activists were fighting in an Edinburgh back street with supporters of General Sani Abacha's military regime.

For while this was the first

the excesses of African dictators and demands from human rights activists for the expulsion from the Commonwealth of Nigeria.

Two years after Nigeria embarrassed Commonwealth leaders by executing the political activist, Ken Saro-Wiwa, in the middle of its Auckland summit, Nike Ransome-Kuti, whose father, Beko, now languishes in a Nigerian jail, had her hopes dashed. Yesterday she said the Commonwealth had failed to live up to its promise to expel Nigeria in Edinburgh if democ-

racy was not restored. Instead it had acted, she said "as if its existence depends on placating Nigeria not to unilaterally quit the fold". The ordinary people of Nigeria would be bitterly disappointed. Edinburgh would be remembered as the place where the Commonwealth lost its credibility she said.

Even South African President Nelson Mandela, who once led attacks on General Abacha, fudged on Nigeria this time. But for Tony Blair, the summit was a wonderful event. Self interest was certainly Commonwealth conference to served. The host government used the opening ceremony to

overshadowed, like the last, by plug its own patch with an omy. extraordinary in-your-face, Riverdance-style video, which celebrated Lahour's brave new ever-so-modern Britain. The Queen was not the only one to wince at the acoustic rendition of the national anthem. The po-

> litical advertisement caused our Commonwealth cousins to tut. But Mr Blair's assertion that outside the UN there is no comparable international body was endorsed by President Mandela, once again the darling of the conference, despite his controversial intervention on Libya's behalf over the Lockerbie

"The very fact that we can come here and exchange points of view and opinions is a tremendous signal of optimism for the future of our world," said Mr Blair.

That did not comfort those for whom the conference was a citizens see the leniency with human rights disaster and whio pointed out the number of despots sitting comfortably, de- that a talking shop which inspite the 1991 Harare Declaration on democracy and human rights, around the conference table.

spokesperson for the freedom of expression group Article 19, argued yesterday that by back-sliding on Nigeria, and allowing Cameroon and Kenya to glide through the weekend without any criticism of their own disgraceful records on democratic

and human rights, the Com-

monwealth was damaging trade "Commonwealth leaders" vague references to the importance of the Harare Declaration are of no comfort to the people in Nigeria, The Gambia, Kenya and Cameroon, among others, who are suffering human rights abuses." The chickens. she promised, would come home to roost. "The Com-

> monwealth is storing up trouble for itself as those who have no commitment to the democratic process and welfare of their

which abuses are treated." But most members believe cludes some of the world's poorest as well as richest countries, is valuable.

Some countries are unwilling It was Mr Blair himself who to expel Nigeria, particularly in yesterday linked a healthy west Africa where oil-rich Nigedemocracy with a healthy econ- ria is king. Perhaps the more democratically-challenged did not

Reaching an economic agreement was also far from easy. It is hard to see how the economic needs of Mozambique can be reconciled with those of Canada or Australia.

The release of the economic declaration was delayed while the third and first world argued about globalisation. Downing Street vesterday boasted that a Commonwealth commitment, albeit qualified, to globalisation would have been impossible five years ago.

Before endorsing the declaration, the Malaysian prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad. demanded a pledge from the Commonwealth "to study how countries can be protected from the destabilising effects of market volatility, including those resulting from speculative

Last night. Nigerian activists painted a nightmare picture of the future. Commonwealth inaction, they said, could result in Abacha the despot rigging an election to become Abacha the president. By the next summit. in Durban, Abacha might well be a fully fledged member of the

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Jiang Zemin enjoyed a soft landing in the United States, playing the ceremonial tourist first in happy-happy Honolulu and then in the twee colonial town of Williamsburg, Virginia. But in Washington and Boston human rights campaigners are planning to give him his most turbulent exposure to street protest since Tiananmen.

Official America has been at pains to pander to the the 71-year-old leader's sensibilities. Mr Jiang is scheduled to spend most of today touring Williamsburg, a spot of particular interest to him because this was where his hero. Thomas Jefferson, lived and studied law.

Mr Jiang was most certainly delighted by the welcome he received on reaching the US. Known for his quirky tendency to burst publicly into song, Mr Jiang's entertainment on Sunday included an opportunity to play the guitar at a dinner hosted by the Hawaiian governor. The dinner menu's pièce de résistance was sauteed opakapaka, à prized Hawaiian fish. Mr Jiang, as if to make it plain he would not be pushed around on his visit to the superpower, declined the delicacy and requested instead beef tenderloin. Earlier, he swam on Waikiki he said.

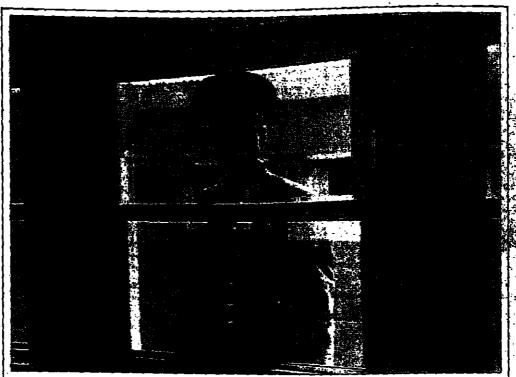
Upon his arrival at a Honolulu airforce base he was received with full military honours, including a 21-gun salute - a demand he had made as a condition of his visit. A local young woman placed a floral garland around his neck and then he tossed a floral wreath onto the watery grave of the USS Arizona, one of eight battleships sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The ceremony offered Mr Jiang an opportunity to remind his visitors that China had been their ally during the Second World

"In that war, which brought untold sufferings to mankind, the Chinese and American peoples once fought shoulder to shoulder against fascist aggression," he said in a speech. "In today's world, China and the United States share broad common interests ... on important matters which bear on peace and development of mankind."

That was the kind of language President Bill Clinton wanted to hear, the purpose of the visit for both governments being to smooth tensions over human rights, trade, Taiwan and nuclear proliferation.

But, as thousands of demonstrators prepared to gather outside the White House tomorrow, one request from the Chinese government did receive short shrift. They had asked the Clinton administration to guarantee a stress-free visit. The response, as expressed with a shrug of the shoulders by White House spokesman Mike McCurry, was a terse one. "Welcome to democracy,



A North Korean soldier outside the Military Armistice Commission in Panmunjon. The North has issued a protest at US/South Korean military exercises

Peronists suffer election disaster

Menem's Peronists suffered one of their worst-ever defeats in parliamentary elections on Sunday, losing their majority in the lower house.

A centre-left alliance, known simply as La Alianza (the Al- not tamper with Mr Menem's liance), campaigning for greater social equality and against cor- privatisation and dollar-peso ruption, took more than 45 per parity, but parliamentary wran-

Argentinian President Carlos cent of the vote to the Peronists' 36 per cent. The result means Mr Menem, whose presidential term ends in 1999, will have to negotiate with the opposition during his final two years in power.

The Alliance said it would successful economic policies of

gling could slow some of Mr Menem's reforms.

"This is the end of an era," said 66-year-old Graciela Fernandez Meijide, head of the Alliance's list in the key Buenos Aires province.

Mrs Meijide, is likely to be a

US calls for action on Rwanda killings

The US ambassador to the Trinted Nations, Bill Richardson, field talks with Rwanda's powerful Vice-President and De-Tence Minister, Paul Kagame, vesterday in the Rwandan capatal on the latest leg of a tour which has so far taken him to Congo-Zaire and Angola.

While in Kinshasa, Mr Richardson secured an agreement from President Laurent Kahila that a much-delayed United Nations human rights investigation mission would be allowed to go ahead. Mr Richardson said he was pleased by Major General Ragame's cooperative spirit in their discussions about the mission, which is supposed to investigate allegations that troops loyal to Mr Kabila's forces, among them soldiers from the general's army, massacred Rwandan Hutu refugees in eastern Congo-

Human-rights reports, aid workers and journalists have alleged that Rwandan troops killed large numbers of refugees during Mr Kabila's successful campaign which ended with the ousting of the late president, Mobutu Sese Seko, in May.

The Rwandan vice-president said he had, in the talks, raised

Colombia voters defy rebels

been pre-judged. When I say we, I mean the whole region, Kabila and the Alliance in Congo. So I think maybe the investigation team is working backwards simply to prove what has already been pre-judged," he told reporters after the meeting.

He repeated decials that Rwandan troops were involved in the killing of Hutu refugees, more than a million of whom fled to Zaire in 1994 fearing reprisals against the Hutu community for the killing of around 800,000 Tutsis and Hutus opposed to the former government. He said that many of the refugees fought on the side of Mr Mobutu's forces. Fighters who died were suddenly referred to as refugees, he added. "I do not believe that our forces got involved in killing refugees." A recent report by Human Rights Watch Africa and the In-

ternational Federation of Human Rights Leagues said that Rwandan troops were, until recently, still operating in Congo-Zaire.

Maj Gen Kagame, who has acknowledged that his troops assisted Mr Kabila's forces, denied his soldiers were still there. "The fact that they were there, doesn't mean they are there

presidential candidate for the now," he said. concerns about the impartiali-Alliance in 1999. ty of the team. "We have already

Ernesto Samper, the Colombian President, said his countrymen had voted for peace and had rejected violence by Marxist guerrillas. But, in the countryside, where the guerrillas reign, there were polling stations where no one showed up at all.

In the first elections since a drugs-and-corruption scandal erupted two years ago, Colombians voted last weekend for state governors, state legislators, mayors and city councillors.

The country's two big guer-rilla groups, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc) and the National Liberation Army (ELN), tried to sab-

States, blew up a power station and several pylons and killed a Catholic priest on Saturday in an apparent attempt to assassinate the governor of the state of Antioquia. There were clashes between guerrillas and army troops on election day at Gutierre, 25 miles south of Bogota, in which three rebels were killed. Based on incomplete re-

sults, Mr Samper's ruling Liberal Party looks like winning 20 of the 32 governorships. Its traditional rival, the Conservative Party, may have slipped from second place behind one and police here now, but peoof the independent coalitions o sosinst the cortwo election observers from the unption blamed on Mr Samper.

Organisation of American Cocaine cartel cash was found to have helped finance his 1994 presidential campaign.

Most voters defied rebel calls to boycott voting. Releasing a dove as a peace symbol in Bogota, Mr Samper said: "today, with millions of votes, we said yes to democracy, yes to peace, no to violence."

But in Cabrera, 80 miles south of Bogota, none of the 9,200 residents showed up at the polling station.

"No one will come." said electoral official Euvilio Valencia. "There may be troops ple are afraid the guerrillas will get them later."

- Phil Davison

Clinton joy as deficit shrinks unexpectedly

It was regarded as one of the greatest economic problems in the world in the 1980s. But yesterday, with little fanfare, Bill Clinton announced that the United States budget deficit had sunk to its lowest levels since 1974.

He was expected to announce during a speech to the Democratic Leadership Council that the federal deficit fell last fiscal year to \$22.6bn (£14.21bn). Just a few months ago, the deficit was forecast to be dramatically higher this year than last. In its annual Budget released at the start of the year, the Clinton administration forecast that fiscal 1997 would have a deficit of \$125.6bn. The \$22bn deficit for the 1997 fiscal year compares with a deficit of \$107.3bn for 1996. The dramatic narrowing reflects strongerthan-expected US economic growth as well as a spurt in tax revenues that government officials find difficult to explain.

Although declining to discuss the details of Mr Clinton's announcement, the White House spokesman, Mike Mc-Curry, said the President intended to stress "the important role that fiscal discipline and free trade and investing in people play in the long-term growth strategy for the future".

Some private analysis say Washington could record a surplus as early as fiscal 1998, which ends on 1 October, if the stock market keeps booming and investors cash in, paying capital gains tax.

According to a White House statement released before Mr Clinton's remarks, spending as a share of GDP was 20.1 percent in 1997, which was described as the lowest spending-to-GDP ratio since 1974. The White House said the latest figures marked the first time in 50 years that the federal deficit had been cut for five years in a row.

Children killed in Algeria

Gunmen killed 22 civilians in two massacres in Algeria and about 30 bodies were found in a well in the capital, Algiers, Algerian newspapers said yesterday. Gunmen killed 16 villagers in Oued Djer hamlet in Medea province, 45 miles south of Algiers on Saturday night, Le Soir d'Algerie reported. Ten children, including a baby, were among the victims, who were members of four families, it said. Algerians voted last Thursday to elect local authorities in 1,500 towns and 48 provincial capitals, giving President Liamine Zeroual's supporters an overwhelming victory. Opposition parties rejected the results, accusing the authorities of widespread fraud.

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Anjouan forms government

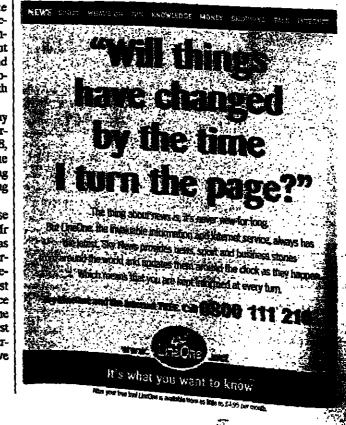
Secessionists on the Indian Ocean island of Anjouan said they would form a government after residents voted overwhelmingly in favour of leaving the Comoro Island republic. Foundi Abdallah Ibrahim, the rebel leader, declared a holiday to celebrate the island's "independence".

- Reuters, Mutsamutu, Comoros

Teachers strike in Canada

In North America's biggest teachers' strike, 126,000 unionised teachers staged an illegal walkout in Ontario, shutting 2.1 million students out of classes. The strike is a power struggle between teachers' unions and Ontario's Conservative government over the future of education in the province.

– Reuters, Toronto





Nike trips up over poverty pay for Asian labour force

American women's groups are attacking Nike, the sports goods multi-national, for what they call its abusive treatment of the female labour force in its Asian factories. The women's coalition has targeted as hypocritical a television ad campaign aimed at female consumers. John Carlin reports.

The Nike commercials depict well-toned female athletes in images designed to persuade American women that if they buy into the popular brand name they too will be powerful. The problem, according to a coalition of 15 women's groups, is that the ads obscure the truth - that the Indonesian, Vietnamese and chinese women who manufacture Nike's shoes are weak and powerless.

"Nike's slogan is catchy, "There is no finish line"," said the letter to Nike chairman Philip Knight. "Unfortunately, this motto also applies to some of the factories overseas where women, according to pay-slips from Nike factories in Indonesia, work from 100 to 200 overtime hours a month to make ends meet.

While the women who wear Nike shoes in the United States are encouraged to perform their best, the Indonesian, Vietnamese and Chinese suffer from inadequate wages, corporal punishment, forced overtime and/or sexual harass-

The letter, whose signatories include the vanguard feminist violations, as well as the sys-National Organisation for tematic exploitation of its Asian Women and the celebrated author Alice Walker, seeks to expand the propaganda offensive against a colossally successful multi-national, which so far appears to remain immune to a sustained onslaught by international labour organisations.

A biting report on Nike's labour practices, issued recently by the Hong Kong Christian Industrial Committee, has barely

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made a dent on the consciousness of the sports-shoe buying public, but it is in large measure from that report that the US women's coalition derived the impetus to lodge their protest.

The report noted that, over 30 years. Western sports shoe companies have been relocating factories or seeking sub-contractors in Asia where wages are lower and "where systematic repression of labour movements promises a 'docile' workforce".

Initially they looked to Taiwan and South Korea, where political authoritarianism and repression of workers' rights were at their peak. In time, however, workers in those countries fought successfully for higher wages, whereupon companies like Nike shifted production to countries where labour was still cheaper, such as Indonesa, Vietnam and China. Investigation of conditions in factories that manufacture Western brand-name sports shoes demonstrated a pattern of abuse by management, the report said.

"But poor conditions in the factory are not simply the result of having a particularly harsh factory owner. It is actually the multi-nationals, not the subcontractors, that ultimately set the pace of production as well as the wages of the workers.

"...When the multinationals squeeze the subcontrators, the subcontractors squeeze the workers."

In the case of the female workers, they squeeze them literally. The US women's coalition letter to Nike pointed out women making the shoes often that in Vietnam, where Nike has been in operation for two years, factory officials have been charged with sexual abuse.

The women's coalition says Nike has been blinded to these workers, by the spectacular profits it has made from the huge gap between the Third World wages of the workers who make the shoes and the spending power of those in the First World who buy them.

Nike's reponse is that it is playing a beneficial role in Asia, by providing jobs that pay better wages than those of Asianowned factories.

Just do it: Demonstrators call on shoppers to boycott Nike and buy American Photograph: AP

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 The Head of Nike, Phil Knight earned £929,113 in

• In 1995, factory workers in the Philippines received only 2.5 pence for every pair of shoes sold in the shops for £50.

 Nearly all Nike factory workers employed in Asia

are women. Nike employs nearly 500,000 people worldwide. ■ In 1994, Nike became one of the first sports company to insist that their subcontractors follow a code of conduct.

 Workers making Nike trainers in Indonesia went on strike in April, protesting over appalling working conditions and low wages.





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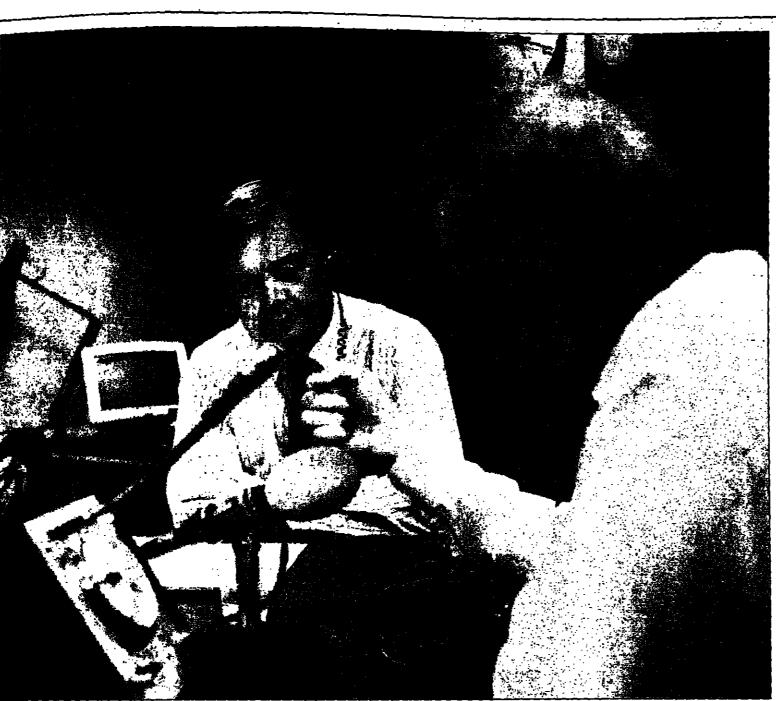
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Role reversal: Kenneth Clarke grills John Humphrys during the recording yesterday of the anniversary programme

'Hold on, Mr Clarke, do you really have to keep interrupting me?'

Man bites dog and the dog doesn't like it. The terrier of the Today programme, John Humphrys, has admitted to feeling indignant at being interrupted by the former Chancellor Kenneth Clarke in an role-reversal interview recorded for this morning's 40th anniversary programme.

But Mr Clarke conceded on air that the disgraced former Cabinet minister Jonathan Aitken had no right complaining that Humphrys interrupted Clarke 32 times during an interview in 1995.

With tongue placed firmly in his ample cheek the Nottinehamshire Tory MP tried to quiz Mr Humphrys on why simple public servants wanting to answer honestly" were so badly mistreated by the pro-But the knockabout inter-

view soon descended into farce, with both men giggling and Mr Clarke trying to make points while Mr Humphrys talked over his interruptions: "I would never have been allowed to get away with that to ask him why, when he was point-scoring," said Mr

interview, "despite what some people may say about me."

But he did admit to some empathy with the political bones he so often worries: "I got quite indignant when he kept interrupting me, I kept thinking 'why is this man not letting me speak?' I suppose I think Ken got carried away."

He also seized on Mr Clarke's admission on air that he had confronted Mr Aitken crusading against the media, he

Humphrys after recording the had picked one of Mr Clarke's spats with Mr Humphrys.

"Ken Clarke clearly wasn't impressed with Mr Aitken using him for his campaign." said Mr Humphrys, who denied interrupting Clarke 32 times. "Interruptions are part of the game and everybody ought to be able to cope with them.

There was a note of wistful regret in Mr Humphrys' voice yesterday when he talked about departed adversaries like Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine: There was a golden age for interviewers when the government wasn't able to blame the previous government for everything, the opposition wasn't such a long way from power and there were divisions within the parties to report on.

There are some people coming on with extraordinarily bland answers at the moment, so we'll have to rely or John Prescott, who is at least colourful and shoots from the hip. But there will be people along to fill their place."

-- Paul McCann Media Correspondent

Americans snap up British film's renaissance man

Miramax, the American film-maker, has hired the head of Channel 4 Films to run a new film studio which will make big budget British movies. Paul McCann, media correspondent, explains why Hollywood is coming to Britain.

The US has swooped to poach the man behind much of the British movie renaissance, including films like Four Weddings and a Funeral and Trainspotting, to run a \$50m (£31m) movie studio in the UK.

David Aukin, head of film at Channel 4 since 1990, is to set up a film production, acquisition and distribution business in the UK for Miramax Films, the American maker of The English Patient.

Mr Aukin will be joined by Channel 4's long-serving director of acquisitions, Colin Leventhal, and Trea Hoving, a former Miramax executive producer.

The new company was put together af-

want to aim at four to six movies a year at all levels. Working with first-time film-makers and taking their careers through to making \$20m to \$25m films.

The most that Channel 4 invested in a movie was about £3m, Mr Aukin said, and that meant the frustration of nurturing filmmakers, watching them become successful and then not being able to work with them on big-budget projects.

The new company will also have access to a world-wide network of theatres to distribute its films. More British films are being made than ever, but getting them into cinemas has proved difficult.

Miramax is America's leading maker and distributor of commercial but independent art films. It was bought by the Disney corporation two years ago but has for a long time bought a quarter of its output from British film-makers.

"This is good news for Miramax and bad news for Channel 4," said Patrick Frater, news editor of Screen International. "Miramax is the most wily, street-smart promoter of films around, so for British films to get that treatment is good news. It means



David Aukin: 'There is no question of us going to Hollywood ... Hollywood is coming to London' Photograph: Rui Xavier

Evans urges listeners to spend £75m and keep him in a job

Chris Evans dished out another surprise to the radio world yesterday by appealing to his breakfast-show listeners to raise £75m to buy out the station which employs

The controversial presenter fears his show could be axed if a proposed merger between Virgin radio and rival station Capital is approved by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

We have to buy the radio station otherwise we're out on our ear," he told his

audience. Evans promised to pay back listeners at a good rate of interest. "It'll be like a Co-op." he said.

Evans and his crew have a 10-week contract with Virgin which expires in December. A Capital spokeswoman said: "Virgin would continue to run as a separate station if it was bought by Capital and no decision on programming has been made."

A Virgin spokesman said: "We are very surprised by the whole thing."

- Amanda Kelly

Football racism play opens

State for both Culture and Sport, will unite these two strands of his portfolio on Thursday when he publicises a new play aimed to help kick

racism out of football. Mr Smith will appear with footballers and actors at Arsenal Stadium to launch a new play, Ook Ah Showab Khan by playwright Clifford Oliver.

The play highlights racist attitudes towards Asian British footballers and has been developed by the Arc Thearre Ensemble, an Asian theatre group.

It presents the story of a young player, who at 18 secures a place as one of the first Asian English professional footballers

Chris Smith, the Secretary of in Britain. Arc has combined with the play's sponsors, Midland Bank, in a campaign to change attitudes towards Asian footballers.

> At present there is not a single Asian footballer in British professional football at first team level, though a couple are appearing at youth team and reserve team level.

Yet football is a very strong and popular sport on the Indian sub-continent, countering western views that the preferred "Asian sport" in Britain or abroad is cricket.

Research funded by Leicester University, the Professional Footballers' Association and the Football Association found

that 34 per cent of professional clubs report no equal opportunities policy; few people of Asian origin watch football even in areas containing high Asian populations; there is only one Asian football league affiliated to a local county FA; 65 per cent of

while playing organised foot-However, the research also found that 41 per cent of Asian players report that they were discouraged from playing

Asian players claim to have reg-

ularly encountered racism

football by their families. The play will be touring the country over the next six

ter a phone call to Mr Aukin 10 days ago from Miramax's colourful co-chairman Harvey Weinstein . Mr Aukin said vesterday that the deal marked a change in the one-way traffic of British talent going to the US: "There is no question of us going to Hollywood," he said. "Hollywood is coming to London.

He added: "This is a ground-breaking deal. Because it offers us financial stability and autonomy. It is a great tribute to the current health of British cinema.

Mr Leventhal, who has been with Channel 4 since 1981, identified the new studio as part of the so-called "Cool Britannia" resurgence in the British cultural industries: "It is a sign of the times. London is on a roll. First it was food and fashion and now it's film."

The new studio, which has yet to be named, will have a rolling budget of \$50m (£31m) to spend on movies and Mr Aukin said the appeal of the job was the ability to make bigger budget movies: "We would

that the current boom in the British film industry won't just fizzle out.

It has been a good year for the British film industry. The Chancellor Gordon Brown offered film-makers tax-breaks worth £30m to make films in the UK in his first budget - although industry observers do not believe this was a deciding factor for Miramax:

"People like Miramax can move their productions overseas if they don't like the tax situation." said Mr Frater. "This is more to do with them working with Channel 4 and other British producers and seeing that the UK has a lot of talent. On top of the tax-breaks, the Govern-

make 90 films in Britain over the next six Channel 4 will now be recruiting a head of film to look after an increased film-making budget of £32m a year from 1999.

ment also earmarked £92m of National Lot-

tery funds for four production consortia

which are expected to use the money to

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her local hairdresser for a simple perm and emerged bald with severe burns to her scalp. The scarring was permanent. As a result, she tells Chemill Hicks, she is campaigning for national registration of all hairdressers.

Brenda Howe paid great attention to her hair, too much attention, some might think. She loved having it done - she describes this as her vice - and visited a salon twice a week without fail. Blonde, red, permed, straight, long, short, highlights, lowlights: she tried them all.

But now Mrs Howe has a permanent bald patch, caused by chemical burns from a perm that went badly wrong four years ago. She has what is called scarring alopecia, a condition in which damage to the scalp stops the hair from growing. "My hair was my trademark," she recalls. "If it wasn't right, I didn't feel right." For her, what happened was more than just a blow to her selfimage; it drove her to the edge of a breakdown.

Last year, after a lengthy legal battle for damages, Mrs Howe, 48, a children's social worker from Hitchin, won a record out-of-court settlement of £25.000. For a while she was a bit of a media celebrity, appearing on This Morning with Richard and Judy.

But the settlement is not the end of the story. She is now campaigning hard to make the registration of hairdressers a legalrequirement. "At the moment anvone can set an as a hairdresser here, bypass proper ing to the hairdresser.

cals with disastrous results," she points out. "Someone who fails their exams in Paris wouldn't he able to practise as a hairdresser in Europe - but they could get a ferry and do so here."

On the day that Mrs Howe went for what was to be her last perm, in November 1993, her bair was cut to chin length; it was mid-brown, she recalls. with blonde highlights and red lowlights (this may sound as if she was asking for trouble, but she says she always took care her hair was not overtreated). She always liked a perm, because her hair was naturally dead straight, and she always went to the same hairdresser.

This time, when the perm lotion went on, she felt a stinging sensation on her scalp. "I mentioned it but it didn't feel that horrendous. At the end the perm looked a bit tight ... it felt as though I was wearing a really tight skullcap."

When her scalp started to feel sore, she went to her GP. who told her she had chemical burns but that they would heal. "They didn't, though. Over the next few months I developed crusty, weepy patches and by January I was losing hair from the top of my head."

The hair loss was so gradual, that its full effect didn't hit her for a while - it took five months for the bald patch to develop. Even the following April, when she bought her first wig, she assumed that she'd just been unlucky and the hair would grow back. "I even went back to the hairdressers who tried to condition it," she recalls. "But in June 1994 a hospital dermatologist told her it was permanent: the scarring from the chemicals had killed the roots and the hair would never grow on scar tissue. She stopped go-





the top of her head and measures about 4in by 2in; the hair at the front is also damaged and thin.

"I hated myself," she recalls. "Whatever clothes I was wearing - it made no difference. I didn't want to answer the front door without a wig. I rowed with my family. I hated women who had a full head of hair." Her distress drove her to the point of giving up her studies - for a diploma in social work - as a mature student. "It was hard enough being older than most of the other students, but being bald as well - I felt mega vulnerable."

The decision to take legal action, which channelled her

Mrs Howe's bald patch is on anger and despair, probably saved her. Nevertheless, the battle for compensation from the hairdresser, who refused to accept liability, was wearisome: it couldn't have been done without the support of her husband, two grown-up children

and an "incredibly supportive" solicitor. It took two and a half years and involved seeing dozens of specialists - trichologists, psychologists, dermatologists and "anyone else the hairdressers' insurance company could think of": at one point she found herself being examined, stark naked, for skin disease by a Harley Street dermatologist. She never got to the bottom of what, precisely, went wrong.

Eventually Mrs Howe settled out of court. Had she insisted on going ahead and the judge had awarded her one penny less than the settlement offered, she would have had to pay all the court costs, which could have ruined her.

Mrs Howe is now helping Austin Mitchell, MP for Great Grimsby, to campaign for the mandatory registration and training of hairdressers. At present, although bairdressers can voluntarily register with the Hairdressers Council, there is no legal requirement for them to do so. Out of some 180,000 hairdressers in the UK, only about 13,000 are registered. Mrs Howe does not know if her former hairdresser is regis-

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tered or what kind of training the staff received; but knowing how wrong things can go, she feels it will offer at least some protection to the consumer.

Mr Mitchell's 10-minute Rule Bill on the Registration of Hairdressers was introduced in the Commons on 7 July and its second reading should take place on 28 November.

"Every other European country requires training and registration of hairdressers as a condition of being able to practise," he says. "This would upgrade the profession and make it more accountable to the consumer.'

The Council, of which he is a member, received some 3,000 complaints last year. "But no

one knows the true scale of the problem," he says. If your hair has been damaged, "Either you go to law - which is costly - or you give up." He would also like to see a compensation fund set up by the profession. which means the consumer would avoid going to court, or

a mandatory requirement for

public liability insurance, with-

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out which there is little chance of compensation if things go wrong (Mrs Howe's hairdresser was insured, so she had legal redress). "And even in the best salon things can go wrong. because they are dealing with processes and chemicals which

can be dangerous." Although his Bill is unlikely to be heard - it is way down a list that includes the anti-foxhunting Bill - he is optimistic the government will eventually do something.

For Brenda Howe, the past few years have been a long process of coming to terms with her baldness and, as she puts it, of finding herself again (she went on with her studies and got her social work diploma). She owns three wigs which she chooses depending on her mood.

She still has hair at the sides and back, but the scarring on top is too deep for a transplant and she refuses to have just a top piece. That would mean going to the hairdresser - something she cannot bear, "No one is going to get near my head with chemicals ever again."

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DR PHIL HAMMOND

Angry Dr Copperfield of Essex, a regular contributor to 'Doctor' magazine, is shocking the public with his abusive prose. But does this man really exist?

lear Dr Hammond

Recently, you wrote about an Irish GP who admitted in the British Medical Journal that he deliberately tried to squash cats. I was disgusted by the story and felt sure you'd made it up. However, on a visit to my wife in hospital I found my way to the medical library and checked the reference. You were right. While I was there, my attention was drawn to another medical magazine, Doctor, with the front-page headline "Sex in the Surgery" (16 October). I opened it to page 37, which revealed a soft-porn picture of an auburn-haired lady in a Wonderbra, unbuttoning herself suggestively in front of the doctor. I was so outraged that I turned to page 33, only to find that Dr Tony Copperfield had written a column entitled "Time to let your patients have it". This was not, as it turned out, about sex but the homicide

sawn-off 12-bore shotgun," boasted Dr Copperfield. down and ask the librarian for that the magazines were for doctors only. However, she did tell me that Doctor is sent free looked in the Medical Register. I could find no mention of a Dr Tony Copperfield. Could you investigate?

As one of the 36,000 GPs who receive Doctor gratis each week, I can reveal that my source is right. I may not have spotted the column myself but, on reflection, it does seem a trifle aggressive. Dr Copperfield is "sick of being nice ... I want to be able to shout at stupid patients, insult middleclass mothers who believe little Gemima has a food allergy. I have decided to make the great sacrifice of being horrible to all of my patients all of the time." Dr Copperfield appears to have lost his zest for family practice.

If only he existed. Dr C, alas, does not. He is the figment of several real GPs' imaginations. I only found this out because when the BPC were auditioning presenters for Trust on BBC2, 3 Nov, 8pm.

Me, I'm a Doctor, they tried to track him down. One of his creators turned up for a screentest, and although he was unlucky on that occasion, he has created a media niche as a caring, sharing adolescent health expert. A far

cry from his alter ego. The Tony Copperfield column is very popular with the readers of Doctor. There are, I believe, four doctors behind it working in pairs. The recurrent theme is of an "overworked, undervalued" GP having a cathartic rant at his lot. The practised eye can distinguish between the writers: one pair self-censors (eg isn't it about time we stood up for ourselves?"); the other pair do not ("Lets blast the abusive moron away"). The latter duo tend to get more fan-mail. Their humour appears to be a fair reflection of what many GPs think but dare not say.

Of course, these GPs dare not say it either. The decision to use of difficult patients. "Blast that a pseudonym was taken when abusive moron away with a one of the doctors put his name to a pejorative article about "heartsink" patients which The At this point I had to sit Guardian picked up on. Not the sort of thing you'd want your paa glass of water. She told me tients to read. I could reveal the real names of all the Dr Copperfields, but I'd rather they had the guts to self-disclose. Beto every GP in the country. Are sides, I'm indebted to one of they all being corrupted by this them. Seven years ago, when I filth? Incidentally, when I first attempted stand-up comedy, I told a heavily disguised but essentially true story about an obstetric disaster. It was an illustration of how midwives and doctors resort to laughter in conditions of adversity. I told it out of guilt, perhaps hoping for some sort of catharsis, and the largely medical audience roared in acknowledgement. Except one of the Dr Copperfields. How dare I inflict such a story on an audience where members of the public might be present? How dare I sully the good name of medicine?

I stopped telling the story in public after that. Had Dr C not warned me, I probably would never have tempered my infantile exhibitionist's desire to shock and I'd be stuck writing for the medical press. So thanks Dr C. And thanks for not passing your screentest. Thist Me, I'm a Doctor' returns

VITAL SIGNS

Breast cancer development A new breast cancer screening technique, which could replace mammography and be used in GP's surgeries, is being evaluated by the Institute of Cancer Research. It involves extracting a sample of fluid from the nipple, to be analysed for levels of prostate specific antigen (PSA), a tumour marker previously believed to be present only in men.

US research has shown that women secrete PSA in nipple fluid, and that rapidly declining levels may indicate a cancer is developing, says a report in Pulse.

Like a cat to water...

Cat lovers prone to allergy are usually resigned to life without a feline friend. But research published in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology has found a way to reduce allergic reaction by washing cats thoroughly with soap and a hose. This reduces the allergen released by 44 per cent, while total immersion in tap water reduced it by 79 per cent. The authors did not explain, however, how to wash a cat.

Plant psychology An extract of the plant gingko bilo-ba can stablise dementia and in a further 20 per cent of cases improve cognitive function and social behaviour, according to a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Speccy Four-Eyes lives on Children who have to wear glasses often have a negative self image and are likely to be bullied, according to new research commissioned by opticians Dollond & Aitchison. Five- to 10-year-olds, especially, feel "different" wearing glasses. Parents, too, are often shocked at their child's "disability". Such attitudes stem from the times when childen wore ugly NHS glasses, say the op-

Rude health

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Freya North's first novel is still a top seller, but it is not her most effective writing. How could it compare with her own reviews of it? asks Glenda Cooper. Their purpose was trickery, their tone poisonous, their effect magical.

It sounds like a novel itself, but it's not. How does an unknown writer get a six-figure publishing deal when still in her twenties? The best writing course in the world? Family connections? Extensive journalistic experience?

No - the best way is to have Germaine Greer slag off your novels. Or if you can't get Germaine to do it you make the reviews up yourself. That's what happened to Freya North. whose second novel, Chloe, is published next week. Despairing of ever getting

her work published. North sent fabricated reviews of her first novel. Sally, to the agent Jonathan Lloyd at Curtis Brown, with comments supposedly from Greer, Jilly Cooper and Mary Wesley - but in fact written by North herself. The result: she signed a £200,000 deal for three books before she had even reached 30.

You'd like to hate Freya North for her good fortune, but vou can't. Sitting in a café in north London, she looks like what you would imagine her heroines to be - petite, blonde and attractive, with an infectious warmth and huge enthusiasm for her work. She can't stop talking about her books and the characters she creates, who become so real to her that she says she even expected to see Sally (the eponymous heroine of her first book) at the launch party for the novel.

Her first two books both take as their staple romantic heroine women in their twenties, previously unlucky in love and searching for fulfilment. But cides to seduce a man, determ- dimensional characters, not ined to be remembered as the great erotic affair of his life. Then she has to come to terms with her fear of commitment. rather than the more common theme of commitment-phobic

In Chloe, the heroine gives up her job (lousy) and her boyfriend (awful) to spend a tauld Institute, and then began year travelling around the four the long slog to get herself pub-



Freya North finally found a publisher by faking reviews by Germaine Greer, Jilly Cooper and Mary Wesley

corners of Britain following the instructions in her godmother's will. A dry humour pervades the book as Chloe realises who is and who is not a free-lance picture researcher. her perfect man, particularly when she catalogues the drawbacks of being an artist's muse.

Both Sally and Chloe owe more to Mary Wesley and Jilly Cooper than to her fellow "spinsterati" – novelists such as Helen Fielding, author of Bridget Jones's Diary, and Jane Green, who wrote Straight Talking and is a good friend of North's - North says they behaved badly at school together. Her books are at once darker and more optimistic - you don't feel that they are all going to end happily, but at the from there North twists the same time there are more posgenre. In Sally, the heroine de- itive portrayals of men as three-

> As much as her life may sound as romantic as her heroines' it hasn't been. Unlike Lord Byron, she did not awake and find herself famous. Against family and friends' advice she gave up a PhD in art history at the prestigious Cour-

just New Men or Bastards.

lished, temping to support herself and living on the dole if she couldn't. It took her four years to write Sally, while working as "My parents used to say

when are you going to get a proper job?' and my friends would make jokes about 'ho, ho the great novel'," says North. "But I'd always written, and I decided that this was what I wanted to do."

North first attempted to get Sally published when she had written 10 chapters. She sent off the first three chapters to three publishers. One rejected it. One sent

it back with a diatribe about how terrible it was and how you couldn't start a book that way [with an explicit sex scene]. The third, a large publisher who shall remain nameless, asked to see the whole manuscript, which totally freaked me out. Three-and-a-half years on I sent the completed novel to them; two months later I got a run-of-the-mill rejection. Eight months after that they were one of the houses bidding for it." She giggles. They obviously weren't the successful ones.

It wasn't until she had three

rejections from potential agents who all gave what she terms fairly "non-constructive criticism" that she came up with the wheeze to attract attention to her work: 'take it, take it'." making up fake reviews, which

Curtis Brown. "I thought Germaine Greer couldn't stand it - she called my heroine Sally Lomax 'Sally Climax'. Jilly Cooper was rather complimentary about it, and Mary Wesley said she was watching her back. Marie Claire said I was a fresh new voice."

she sent to Jonathan Lloyd at

But it worked. "They wrote to me two days later asking me to send my manuscript. I was actually just about to go on a package holiday to Lanzarote but obviously I didn't want to say that - so I said I was going to be out of the country for two weeks, which I thought sounded far more impressive. "When I came back and

went in to see them, my manuscript was well thumbed and they knew it inside out."

That was back in November 1995 and North heard nothing until the next January: "I was writing Chloe and still temping. Then Jonathan Lloyd phoned me and said that he was sending my novel to five publishers and that he had already had an offer that he had rejected. I could have killed him. I said

She was wrong. She ended up with a three-book contract for £200,000 after a tense auction. "I couldn't sleep that night. I didn't eat. I just sat up watching the film Pretty Woman trying to keep myself occupied. It was a bigger concept than I could deal with and I actually went on temping for three months until I realised I could

She now writes from her bome from seven in the moruing until lunch time, when she takes a break and goes to see her : the cheque for my advance had even arrived") and then returns to edit the morning's work. "I rarely make fundamental changes: I just slip in a couple more adjectives here or there or fiddle with the punctuation."

"Before I had my deal I presumed I was doing it all wrong, as one often hears of authors who can only write in the dead of night or on some windswept Welsh hillside. For me, though, writing is tremendously enjoy-

able and I don't chain-smoke or inhabit some nocturnal bleak world. I switch off quite literally at 5.30pm and am always rather amazed when I turn on my PC in the morning to see my characters where I left them. I half anticipate they have been gallivanting off behind my back."

For those who want to be the next Freya North she has the following advice: don't give up, discipline yourself to write, and think carefully about the best way to get your book published.

"I think my training as a bistorian in an academic discipline also helped tremendously. I. " do like the idea that I can now say 'nyah nyah' to ali those horse Percy ("bought before medics and dentists whom I knew at university and who said that art history was a Mickey Mouse subject.

You can't just write a book. put it down and expect it to be found. Yes I'd recommend take reviews, it did work for me." She grins. "But I wouldn't try them on Jonathan Brown - I think he's wise to them now."

'Chloe' by Freya North is published by Heinemann on 6 Nov-

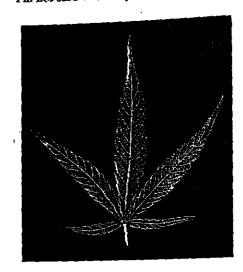
Mum took drugs - but should she tell the kids?

You took drugs, but what do you tell the children? And what do you let them do? Ruth Lumley puffed long and hard on that one. There was the school code to consider but there was also her husband, and they knew about him.

What I'd really like to know about the thousands of people who think cannabis should be decriminalised is what they tell their children about their own experiences with drugs. Do they tell the truth about stoned evenings they once spent - perhaps still do - staring into space and talking rubbish? Probably not, if the parents I come across are anything to

Yet these are parents like me - middle-class. middle-aged, who tried all manner of drugs in their youth; many of them smoke the odd joint now. But unlike me, when it comes to their children they pass a veil over their headier days, and those who still smoke dope sweep the evidence under the tablecloth the minute the teenagers walk in.

I'm not sure what they're afraid of. Undermin-



ing their authority with the offspring? Giving drugs the parental seal of approval? Looking like a sad old hippy? Or do they fear that watering down the message of the moment - which is still Just Say No rather than explain why - could have dire consequences?

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Like every generation of parents I look back with a shudder at the risks I took, and agonise about my children doing the same kind of thing, whether it's with motorbikes or sex or chemicals. I'd be horrified if my 12-year-old started doing drugs before he's a lot older, and on balance I'd probably rather he said no until he's about 90. But this is the real world. At 12, he's already been offered a spliff on the street. Surely it's better that he understands as much as possible about what he's saying no to, or how he might feel if he says yes. This approach certainly worked with the only adult I know who grew up with ents who smoked dope openly - she's got well into her thirties without getting addicted to anything riskier than chocolate cake.

And since I've got first-hand experience, why not pass it on to flesh out the sometimes dodgy information he gets elsewhere? There was never a policy decision in our family about this; the kids just asked questions and we answered them. My son first saw his dad roll a joint on a country walk when he was about nine, asked what it was and was told. It's inevitable that the children want to know why a seven-year-old who died from sniffing glue was doing it in the first place, and why Leah Betts would want to take E on her birthday.

I talk to them about the drugs I used to take (loads of dope and a smidgen of acid in the Seventies; too much coke and some weird stuff called MDA in the Eighties), and they know their dad smokes cannabis, though hardly ever in front of them, and has taken ecstasy. We've talked about the illusion of control coke can give, and how you can get to rely on that buzz, and that dope can make you feel good, but also paranoid and uneasy, and that people who smoke it all the time tend to be deeply boring. We're blunt about the hazards of crack and heroin.

The bottom line of everything we say to the children is that no drug - alcohol, tobacco, cannabis or E - is risk free. Their dad also makes a point - rather optimistically - of saving he never even touched a fag until he was 18. There's not much chance our brood will wait that long, and that in itself is a sign of the gulf between their youth and ours. Of course, it's crossed my mind that it may be far safer to be economical with the truth. It's so much easier for children to deal with certainties than wrestle with the notion that their parents, who are supposed to be good, take drugs, which everybody else says are bad. Yet their choices have to be made in a context of mixed messages and few certainties.

Nor does it feel very comfortable to be communicating ideas which aren't consistent with the school's line on drugs, or with what their friends' families think. So the boys are aware there's a double standard and that they have to be careful about what they say - otherwise the head might have a good case for expelling me.

All this would probably be less of an issue should cannabis be legalised. I'm not sure that much else would change. I don't think we'd start rolling joints more openly or go to score en famille. Although as a parent I'm in favour of decriminalisation, I can't help but feel there's something to be said for the current situation, where a drug which in my book is pretty harmless has the glamour of illegality. At my most cynical I wonder whether legalisation would point my kids towards something a little more hazardous in the race to be cool.

And perhaps that is the real reason for being up front about drugs - that there's nothing like knowing your mum's done something to strip it of glamour and mystique. My son is mad about the kind of magazines and song lyrics which make drugs seem like a way of life for really cool people. But he also knows that his mum is utterly uncool, however hard she tries. If I play my cards right I may even manage to pull off a total role reversal, in the manner of Edina and Saffie in AbFab, with him coming up squeaky clean as a rejection of my sad past and my sad friends. On second thoughts, I'd rather he were a little less po-faced. But only time will tell.

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'Some things you cannot foresee like falling in love'

The time: 1987 The place: a Dublin church The man: John Rocha, fashion designer

I met a girl at art school in Croydon at the end of the Seventies, and after about three years we got married and had a daughter. I thought it was for life. My own family are very close. My father is from Portugal and my mother is Chinese. They married for love, so I've always thought marriage is meant to last. But then things happen and you go your separate ways, and you think, OK, that was a mistake. Just six months later we split up.

But nothing prepared me for how tough divorce was going to be. My wife was Irish and we had gone to live in Dublin after I graduated. I was already a sort of public figure there, so the Irish press went mad for the story. It was really quite controversial because there wasn't divorce in Ireland. It was all "Designer in Wife Split" and that sort of thing. Yes, it was a long time ago, but I remember it well because it was one of the saddest moments in my life. Not only had my marriage broken up, but there was real bitterness about the whole thing.

In Ireland we don't have much gossip, and I came out of it very badly, probably because I refused to talk to the press. They kept asking me for my side of the story and I just didn't want anything to do with them. I can put up with most things, I have enough stuffing in me to survive. But it was the people around me that got burt. We had our daughter and we had our friends, and they were all dragged into the mess. Someone even spat at me in the street after recognising me from my photo in the paper.

At the end of the day it happened, and we were better off apart. Some good things came out of that marriage. I have a beautiful daughter, top of her class, charming and independent, and I love her very much. But my ex-wife and I still don't talk much, and sometimes that's just the way things go.



John Rocha: 'I was sad about the divorce, but I just had to move

Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

Afterwards I didn't think about my career much. I just turned in on myself because I couldn't take any more. It was bad for a while and then I just thought, what is happening? I used to believe in myself, and then this. I knew if I didn't move on, life would never get

About nine months after my divorce I met my future wife, Odette, which turned out to be the real turning-point in my life. Odette was on the retail side of the fashion business and she approached me about doing a col-

lection for her shop, which I did, It was quite successful, so she then suggested we become partners. In 1983 we launched the Chinatown label together. After becoming partners in business we eventually became partners in relationship.

Yes, it was very near to my divorce, but some things you just cannot foresee, like falling in love. You know, I realised that I love life and I can get over bitterness in order to go on living to the full. It didn't mean that I didn't love my first wife, and it didn't mean that I wasn't very sad about the divorce, but I had to move on. I just fell totally in love. Odette gave me new inspiration, she still does, and I just cannot describe the effect she has had on my life. She is a dear friend and a fantastic mother.

During the Eighties the Chinatown label became really successful. We had lots of outlets and women seemed to love the clothes, but the business expanded too fast and we went bust at the end of the decade. One minute everything was so good, and the next we had nothing. That was when I went to church for the first time since I had left Hong Kong, where I was brought up. at 17. For some reason, I don't know why, I just needed to sit and think. I thought, what is wrong with me? Why are things so good and then so bad? So many people relied on me for their livelihood, and I had let them down. I really didn't know what to do. But as I sat in that church a feeling just came over me. I just felt I couldn't collapse now. I realised I still had my love for life, and it was just about finding the will to go on. It was the same feeling

that kept me going through my divorce. Those years in the Eighties taught me to survive. Nowadays, I don't look back much, I just look to the future.

John Rocha has designed boxer shorts to support the Institute of Cancer Research's campaign to raise awareness and funds for male cancers. They are on sale at Debenhams.

Interview by Nicole Veash

Fy rebeli



Margaret Mellis on the beach at Southwold - a rich source of raw material for recent constructions like 'Number 35' (below, left), whose intuitive freshness owes more than a passing debt to the work of Alfred Wallis, the naïve sailor-cumpainter of St Ives, much of whose legacy - including 'Voyage to Labrador', c1935-36 (below, right) - Mellis once rescued from the flames Artist's photograph: Brian Harris. Wallis photo: Tate Gallery

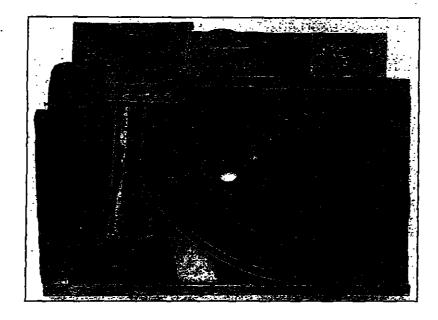
A beachcomber's life, garnering treasures from the tide

Art was not Margaret Mellis's first choice of career, she tells Andrew Lambirth, but it became her life. And what a life she survived marriage, war and fleas to find peace and inspiration on e shares of Suffalk

Margaret Mellis was born in China of Scottish parents 83 years ago. She is a determined, humorous woman, eager for life. Small in stature, elegant and fineboned, she is refreshingly unorthodox. Her father was a missionary, but returned to enlist as a soldier when the First World War broke out. "He was a Captain and ADC to a General, and he enjoyed that more than being a missionary. I had my first birthday on board the ship coming back to England, It was very annoying because I can remember things from when I was one-and-a-half years old. So if my parents had stayed for another six months, I would have remembered China, and that would have been much more interesting!" She became a painter almost

by chance. "When I was three, I decided I was going to be a musician, and at 15 I was allowed to leave school to be a pianist. I'd always painted for fun. Someone saw what I'd done and said I should go to art school. My parents would rather I went to the art school as I'd still be in Edinburgh, whereas if I studied music Id have had to go to London." As simple as that. So she attended Edinburgh College of Art from 1929 until 1933. "I never regretted it – music's frightfully hard work especially if you're bad at reading it, which I was, I really painted for pleasure all the time - I never stopped. It wasn't hard work because I

wanted to do it so much." SJ Peploe, one of the most noted of that group of painters known as the Scottish Colourists, came to teach for a year. "I was his best pupil. I always managed to make things the right colour. He didn't like to say anything, but would walk round and stand behind you and look at your work. I knew exactly what to do the minute he started looking at my painting. I could suddenly see what was wrong with it. The other people didn't seem to feel the same; they wanted him to say something." Mellis shares the Scottish feeling for colour: "It's the only thing Ive never had any trouble with whatever."



In 1933 she went to Paris to study with the Cubist painter Andre Lhote. "I was just ready for that. He concentrated on structure, but you could use any colour you liked. He very much liked one painting that I did and asked to keep it. I said he couldn't as I had to send it back home or my parents wouldn't send me any money to stay on!" With another girl, a fellow student, she travelled through Europe and across to Tangier. By the time they reached Florence, her companion's money had run out, so she returned home. Not to be deterred, Mellis went on by herself to Venice, then back to Paris via Munich, where she knew there was a big Cézanne exhibition. It was at that exhibition that she met her future husband, the

art historian and painter Adrian Stokes. "I saw this curious person, obviously English and quite different from everybody else, and much older than anybody I'd been going about with. I went in to see the Monet paintings and I hadn't been there for five minutes when he came in. I knew he was going to try to pick me up so I sat down and waited for him." The attraction was intellectual as much as physical. Mellis was devoted to the work of Matisse, and Stokes understood her passion. "He was the only person I found who appreciated that colour was just as important as anything else. At that time everybody was interested in 'significant form' (Roger Fry's phrase). Adrian was writing a book called Colour and Form and had just started painting. He was quite good he had a very subtle sense of colour, and nice paint quality. His idea was to use all the colour, to turn things into light. Mine was just to make the colours be the colours."

Moving to London, Mellis attended the Euston Road School with Stokes's encouragement; she lasted a year. Although it was associated with a rather dingy realism, its chief attraction for her was as a place you could go at night to draw. After a year of getting to know each other, Stokes and Mellis married, and in 1939 moved to St Ives, a precaution against the coming war. It wasn't the cheapness of Cornwall which was the attraction, as Stokes was comparatively well off. "He wanted to get out of London, lead a healthy life and get on with his work. He also thought we ought to rescue Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth because they had triplets. So they all came down, plus a cook and nurse, and invaded the house. They stayed for

change a thing. They were much older, and his friends rather than mine." Other refugees arrived: the Russian constructivist Naum Gabo among them. They even tried to persuade Mondrian to come down, but he resisted.

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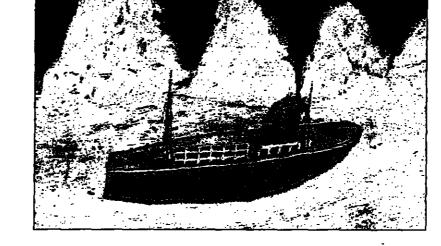
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Among these avant-garde artists, Mellis began to feel that Euston Road painting was a reactionary influence; the older artists did indeed begin to effect a change. "I started doing some white still lifes which Ben liked. Then he said, 'Why don't you do a collage?' about 20 times. In the end I did, and it was very exciting. I had to think in a different way. Instead of doing it via colour as I did before, I had to think about the shape. Then I started making paper structures, and began to use plywood. A new medium is always very exciting and things happen. I went on working like that until Adrian quarrelled with Ben about a book on Alfred Wallis that Sven Berlin wanted to write. Ben thought Sven would-write something deleterious about him, so he asked Adrian to make sure he didn't say anything nasty. Everybody was so jealous of everybody else." The small community lived very much in each other's pockets.

Alfred Wallis (1855-1942) was a one-off, a simple selftaught original painter of ships, who only began painting when he was 70. He was taken up by Ben Nicholson and Christopher Wood and influenced their theories of simplicity, purity and naïvety in art. Mellis knew Wallis well. "He was someone completely wrapped up in his own ideas. You couldn't get to know him. He wouldn't be interested in you or anybody, though he was aware of all the painters. He slightly despised them at the same time as thinking he probably wasn't as good as they were. I always thought. he was better than Adrian and Ben. There was nothing artificial about him, everything he did was completely true." After his wife died, he lived alone in a very simple way, and paint-

bought a picture. "Then, after about two years, the person who brought his food couldn't go on doing it and Wallis told Ben one day The next time you come to see me I won't be here.' Ben didn't do anything about it and the very next time he went, Wallis had disappeared and gone to Madron. He'd been taken off there by the Relieving Officer. who had put all his paintings in a pile on the table. He was go-

ed. Mellis visited him and



ing to burn them, so we all went tremendously tall trees or a rushing down.

"We were standing in a row looking at these things. I was the first in and I suddenly felt nip, nip, nip on my ankles. But I was so anxious to look at the pictures I didn't do anything. Then I said, 'I'm being bitten!' But they only replied, 'Don't be silly!' I had navy blue trousers on and I looked down and they were red with fleas. Huge red fleas up to my knees. So we quickly bundled the pictures into a rug, stuck them in the car and began

to drive back to Carbis Bay. "Half way there, Ben got out in his natty blue shorts, white shirt, white cap and white shoes, and walked into the sea up to his neck. He waited there till there wasn't a flea about. But he didn't have any fleas. We got into the garden, took all our clothes off and had towels brought out. We put all our clothes in the bath with weights on them to keep them under water to make the fleas crawl out and up the bath. It absolutely ruined all the clothes because the weights were rusty. And we went on having fleas for about six months, though in the end we got rid of them."

Alfred Wallis was a retired seaman and one-time rag-andbone man. He minted on odd bits of cardboard in ship's paint. As Mellis remembers: "People gave Wallis two shillings for a picture. Ben and Adrian thought it would spoil him to get more money. It wouldn't have. Nothing would have spoiled him. I thought that was very bad - they ought to have given him more." Wallis became a sort of patron saint of British modernism, a visionary who, like William Blake, conversed with spirits, His boats sometimes found harbour upside-down amidst

great bridge. His example proved that artists could suc-

In 1946 Mellis left Cornwall and in her work returned to representational painting. It was a crisis-point in her life. The marriage to Adrian Stokes had ended, leaving Mellis with a young son to bring up. Staying at Cap

cessfully make their own rules.

d'Antibes, she met Francis Davison, whom she was later to marry. They went to live in a 200-year-old cottage in Suffolk, with four acres of land, and stayed there 25 years. In the urgent need to make money they began to keep bens and sell the eggs, but this rather tied them to the place. Mellis carried on painting, journeying once again

son followed suit, making the collages for which he has become celebrated. At this point Mellis was making colour structures with curious optical effects.

In 1976 they moved to Southwold. Walking the beaches, they collected driftwood for fuel. "One day I was just going to burn a round red piece. a fautastic shape, when I thought, 'How idiotic!' and I took it out of the fire and put it in my studio. After that other things collected and I started using them." The pieces of driftwood were generally used as found in their particular shapes and colours - assembled and screwed together to make wall-reliefs. Another strand of work developed in 1987, when Mellis began to draw flowers from life (after a break of more than 40 years) on the backs of opened-out envelopes. These exouisite still lifes have a lifeaffirming freshness typical of this great, intuitive and marvellously distinguished artist.

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The fight for European democracy: time for us to lead



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For the "most important political decision in a generation" from this most political of Chancellors, Gordon Brown's pronouncement yesterday was oddly bloodless. The passionlessness was not just due to the way the Government was bounced into it. It was more the decision to stick with an "élite" approach to the question of further European integration. EMU is not a popular project by inception, but it will be in its effects. It will, one way or another, subject the citizens of participating countries to great strains (as well as offering them great opportunities). So far their assent has been ambiguous, recent elections in France and Hamburg notwithstanding. The British promise of a referendum remains, by contrast, a gold standard of popular participation. Yet a people's prime minister, let alone a people's Chancellor, needs to do a lot more than Gordon Brown signalled yesterday to win hearts, let alone votes, if the nation ever gets the choice.

And political preparation is not something that can be postponed to the new threshold date of 2002. British people will, willy-mily, be affected by the launch of a common currency in 1999 and not just as Mr Brown seemed to imply - as consumers and savers. Getting the nation's act together cannot just be a matter of rewriting computer programmes and redrafting financial contracts. EMU is a political project. It has to do, in large part, with the fears and hopes of the political estab-lishments of France and Germany, wanting to forge a particular kind of bond between their two nations, and by extension their smaller allies; the adherence of Italy, Spain and the rest is an afterthought. Where does Britain fit in?

The right answer, we believe, is that a modernising, self-confident Britain can fight for the democratic machinery that the project has so far lacked. If the EU is to tolerate the single currency, with all the strains and pain that that will sometimes

involve, it will need more political legitimacy than our Union of the Elites currently enjoys. It will need fully open institutions, which meet in public, and clear legal boundaries between what is rightfully the preserve of the Union and what belongs to the states that comprise it. It will need the Commission to be shackled and subservient, reduced to the administrative arm of a dominant Council of elected ministers, who must be more accountable to national parliaments than they mostly are at present. It will need referenda on important issues; systemic dissent; parliamentary revolts and leaders of a European opposition. It will, in short, need to grow into a living democratic system.

No one much wants to hear this argument yet. But it is coming, inextrably. The single currency will bring better European democracy, or it will self-destruct, as those who lose out blame the central bank and the rich resent the higher taxes necessary to help the losers. Who better than

Tony Blair, a young reformer beginning to reshape his own country's democracy, to articulate the next big shift in European thinking? That would be leadership. That would answer, conclusively, the question that haunts our sister states on the Continent: what is Britain for?

It would certainly be popular at home. Abolishing sterling will bite deeply into what people understand by national sovereignty, and so their sense of themselves as political actors. How will they hope to call to account an institution as remote yet as powerful as the proposed political council - needed to enforce the stability pact - let alone the European Central Bank? To declare, as Gordon Brown did, that there is no constitutional bar to the United Kingdom's membership is not even to begin to address the most vexing question of monetary union - that this is a project hatched in chancelleries, finance ministries and boardrooms with, so far, a minimum of public understanding or excitement.

A Labour Britain that merely prepares the economic groundwork for entry, watching nervously and trying to guess how monetary union is going, would be a sensible Britain, tagging prudently along as usual. It is not ignoble to be lukewarm and prepare your excuses even as you make it clear that, all things being equal, you will come along in the end. Better that, than to take the Tory position of being basically hostile but unable finally to close off every option. But it would ensure that, yet again, we did not shape or change the project.

There is so much more that we could be doing. The lack of democratic vigour in the EU isn't a minor blemish that can be shrugged off as unimportant, compared with growth and free internal markets. It is what differentiates a Union with a chance of succeeding in the longer term, and a cobbled-together bureaucratic alliance, doomed to fall apart under pressure. Tony Blair knows enough history to know that. Doesn't he?

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Religion in schools

Sir: School is the one place where we mix freely, and learn from the earliest age to explore, to interact, to find common ground and to make friendships. Trevor Phillips writes ("Beware the intolerant certainties of European liberals", 25 October) that he "finds it hard to remember which of my classmates was a Muslim and which a Hindu". It was exactly because they were his classmates that he failed to make this distinction, and because Jews, Christians and Muslims were able to live and work side by side in harmony in Guyana.

In this country too, a largely integrated education system has been of immeasurable benefit to us all. If you don't believe this, witness a generation of angry young adults who have been channelled into separate "special school" education because they are disabled, and now argue, quite rightly, that the able-bodied have no concept of their lives. Or the hermetically-sealed orthodox ford Hill (where I live), where there is no social interaction between children or adults of that community with anyone outside their own faith.

The Government must do whatever it takes to avoid funding more religious schools. If it means reviewing policy on funding of existing Christian schools, so be it. Nothing less than the social fabric of our society is at stake.

SABRINA AARONOVITCH London N16

Sir: There is no room or point in trying to answer all the accusations and arguments against "liberals" advanced by Trevor Phillips (25 October), but it is worth pointing out that he has the right to insult liberals in a liberal paper because liberals established this and all the other freedoms he enjoys in this liberal country.

In the same way, liberals have the right to criticise objectionable aspects of religious or non-religious systems of belief and behaviour, and also to criticise proposals for the legal protection or financial support of such systems. This is not "Islamophobia", but a reasonable and realistic opposition to the official encouragement of any



kind of religious or non-religious divisions in an already dangerously divided society. NICOLAS WALTER Rationalist Press Association London N1

Sir: I teach GCSE Islamic Studies at Zakaria Muslim Girls' School, the school portrayed in the photograph which accompanied Polly Toynbee's article (23 October). As part of their syllabus, the girls are taught to challenge the assumptions of their religion and to consider the rights and wrongs of al-

ternative points of view.

We hope that our school will produce the professional Muslim women of the future. Of our last year's Year 11, several are now studying A levels, while the rest are in our own sixth form, where they study for GNVQs and other courses taught by female lecturers from the college. They are not cut off from mainstream culture.

Many people have been dedy ploring the lack of moral values among the young, so it is
surprising to read such an attack on schools which try to promote an ethical atmosphere.
SUMIYA MANN

Zakaria Muslim Girls'

High School Batley West Yorkshire

Sir: To deny parents in a pluralist society an input into their children's religious and moral education, and to argue for the imposition by the state of one ideology over others, is the exact same approach which Polly Toynbee finds unacceptable in certain Islamic states.

Perhaps the answer is for "rationalists" to recognise that they have no monopoly on reason, and that their views and assumptions are, like all others, culturally conditioned. The Rev PETER TROW Fareham, Hampshire

Abortion law

Sir: Cardinal Basil Hume speaks of abortion as being "wrong" ("Hume asks Blair for abortion lead", 27 October). The basis of that assertion is that it is contrary to the precepts laid down by his God.

None of us objects to him declaring it to be contrary to the teachings of his church and such as will lead to excommunication from the church. It is the prerogative of a "club" to lay down the rules for membership of that club and to expel those who do not

comply.

What I object to is the wish of the members of such churches to dictate to non-members that we shall comply with their rules of morality. Such dictation is the root of Pascism; in the United States it has already led to harassment

and even murder.

Some of us are in favour of

a law which would permit abortion on demand. That would not be dictatorial because it would never oblige anyone to have an abortion. Those who wish to bring all foetuses to birth are free to do so.

The present law is a reasonable compromise between two irreconcilable points of view and should not be interfered with. It is only by such compromises that a society can contain people of widely differing points of view.

S GRATWICK

Sevenoaks Kent

TV licence fraud

Sir: The purpose of writing to black-and-white television licence holders (letters, 23 and 25 October) is to seek the cooperation of the public in separating genuine black-andwhite licence holders from those that are fraudulent. The letters also serve as a reminder to people trading in black-and-white sets for colour who hadn't thought to change their licence.

TV Licensing estimates that around 50 per cent of Britain's black-and-white ficences are bought for colour televisions, resulting in a loss of around £15m in licence fee revenue every year. TV Licensing is currently managing a national blitz campaign to combat this type of fraud. This includes ensuring our customer records are accurate and up-to-date. We do this by letter or a visit from an enquiry

officer.

Any kind of television licence evasion is not only against the law but is also unfair on the 21.5 million people who pay every year.

TONY KITT

Director, TV Licensing

Gay lifestyle

Sir: To compare the "risks of a homosexual lifestyle" to the a dangers of drink-driving (letter, 25 October) is to suggest that homosexuality is some kind of reckless choice for which one should be condemned; an analogy which is both inappropriate and offensive.

Of course I can choose how often I have sex and how safely, but to suggest that I should exercise a choice over whether I have sex at all, or over the gender of the person I have sex with, is to suggest that, as a gay man, I have less right than a heterosexual to the joy that an intimate relationship can bring.

NICK BAILEY

Sir: After all the information about HIV and Aids, can it really be true that someone in the medical profession has still not learnt that it is not one's sexuality, or indeed the sexual act, which puts one at risk, but rather whether that act is carried out safely.

London SW17

In Africa and India (and increasingly in this country). Dr Hugh J Thomson's letter could be rewritten with the word "homosexual" simply replaced by "heterosexual".

PETER J RIMMER

London EC2

Sir: I am curious to know why Dr Hugh J Thomson has adopted the "medical lifestyle": not least because doctors apparently have a well-documented tendency towards higher than usual rates of suicide and alcoholism.

Dr ALAN J BULLION Tunbridge Wells.

Animal testing

Sir: Dr Martin Rosendaal (letter, 23 October) finds it inappropriate for *The Independent* to devote its front page to the suffering of "only" 2,800 animals for testing cosmetics.

The numbers are irrelevant to the importance of the moral debate. Instead they add weight to the anti-vivisection argument: why retain such a controversial and ethically dubious practice if it is in any case hardly ever used?

BILL LINTON

London N13

So, Professor, is this desipience we are talking about, or old-fashioned ad-speak?



MILES KINGTON I am very glad to welcome back the learned Professor Wordsmith, who as usual has been researching the English language in saloon bars up and down the country. He is not only well versed in the oral tradition, but also has a sound backing in scholarly knowledge, so he is, if not omniscient in matters of linguistics and etymology, at least multiscient, if there is such a word. Is there in fact such a word, Professor?

Professor Wordsmith writes: There may well be, but if there is, it is not one I have come across in the snug of the Green Man.

with your questions, and all yours, Prof!

Professor, I was recently

reading through an old edition of Stephen Leacock's book, Literary Lapses. Stephen Leacock was, as you know, a Canadian humorist – indeed, some would say, the Canadian humorist, although he was in fact born on the Isle of Wight and went to Canada only after his birth, so that you might say he is the Greg Rusekski of humour, in that he adopted a transatlantic nationality in which to become famous.

which to become famous ...

Professor Wordsmith writes:

Have I missed something, or do
you have a question?

Yes, I was just coming to it.
Well, in the back of this pre-war
edition of the Leacock book
there are advertisements for
other books by Stephen Lea-

cock, such as Nonsense Novels and Moonbeams From the Larger Lunacy. At least, I suppose they are called advertisements. We don't seem to have this custom any more, of devoting the back pages of books to plugging other books, sometimes by quite different authors.

Professor Wordsmith writes: I see. And you want to know whether there is a name for these old-style book advertisements in the backs of books? Well, as far as I know...

No, I don't want to know that. What I want to know about is something rather puzzling I found in one review of Nonsense Novels, which is quoted in the back under the heading "Press Opinions".

They cite the Spectator as saying: "We can assure our readers who delight in mere joyous desipience that they will find a rich harvest of laughter here ..." I was pulled up short by the word "desipience", which I had never come across before, and I thought how odd it was to find such a learned word in a book review.

Professor Wordsmith writes:

And you want to know what

"desipience means? Well, I have
to say I'm afraid it is not a word

I ...

No, I looked up "desipience" in the dictionary, and it simply means "childishness", "silliness", "trivial amusement". What really interested me was the way the word was once common enough to be used in a book review and a book ad, but has vanished from everyday language and indeed from most dictionaries – it isn't in Collins Concise or the big Cambridge paperback dictionary, though it is in Cassell's – and I wondered if there was any word to describe this process of a word disappearing from everyday

Professor Wordsmith writes: I haven't the faintest idea. Could we have a question from someone else, please? This fellow is getting me down.

What is the difference between a "warranty" and a "guarantee"? Is there in fact a technical and legal difference? Or is it, as I suspect, another

older of two terms to describe something because it sounds a bit more trustworthy? So commercials tend to use the word "cleanse" instead of "clean", bccause it sounds deeper, and they say "proven" instead of "proved" because they think it sounds as if it has more oldfashioned values. And this even applies to spelling, when people write "fayre" instead of 'fair". and "ye olde" instead of "the old". Similarly, might not "warranty" just be an anarchic form of "guarantee" with no further

Ban the car park

Sir: With umpteen bus routes

virtually passing the door, four

tube stations within a quarter

of a kilometre, and three main-

line BR stations less than a

healthy 20 minutes walk away,

why should employees at the

British Museum have been al-

lowed use of expensively ac-

quired public land as a car park

in the first place? ('A week in

to make senior (and other) civil

servants use public transport.

All parking (except for dis-

abled drivers) at publicly

owned buildings should be

progressively hanned. When

the head of the civil service.

chief executives of local auth-

orities, and boss-men of

quangos have to use public

transport, we shall soon see

rapid improvements.

Bristal

NORMAN T SHEPHERD

example of ye olde advertiser's

talk, whereby people choose the

The way to curb the car is

the arts", 25 October).

implications than a guarantee?

Professor Wordsmith writes:
I think you have a very good point there, though whether you are

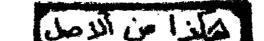
right or not, is anybody's guess.
Another example would be "silken" instead of "silky" ...

Professor Wordsmith writes: Yes, yes, enough already! Heavens above, this fellow is worse than the Leacock man! Can we not have the Leacock man back again?

Professor, I was mentioning the name of a Leacock book just now, which was Moonbeams From the Larger Lunacy. Have you any idea what this means?

Professor Wordsmith writes: Not the faintest. Anyone for a pint?

Professor Wordsmith will be back again soon with all the answers. Keep those queries rolling in!



Gordon Brown crosses the monetary Rubicon



DONALD MACINTYRE BRITAIN AND THE SINGLE CURRENCY

The markets are sniffy. Elements of the Murdoch press express relief that Gordon Brown has "saved the pound" for another five years. The stalwarts of pro-Europeanism across the parties worry that the Government is still hedging its bets on the single currency. After two miserable weeks for him and for the Government, Gordon Brown consumately took command of the House of Commons vesterday. But has anything changed? Has the Chancellor done more, in a statement every word of which was endlessly discussed and agreed with Tony Blair, than skillfully repair some short-term political damage while leaving the most momentous decision facing Britain as open as it was?

Despite sceptical voices to the contrary, the answer is yes, a lot more. No doubt the EU governments will take some persuading that this was really the historic medium term commitment to EMU entry that Brown presented it as. This was nevertheless a statement that will come to look more rather than less significant. Yesterday the Government did what it shrunk from doing in opposition in the run up to the election. The previous government's stance was - just - "Wait and See". There have been times in the past fortnight when it looked as though the best the present government could do was convert that to "Wait. And then see." But yesterday the Blair government came down on the side of something much closer to "Prepare and Join." And in doing so the Prime Minister has taken what may yet be the most important gamble of his premiership.

The gamble is this. EMU is now publicly, inescapably, and accountably part of the Blair project in a way it wasn't at 3.40 yesterday afternoon when Brown got up to speak. It therefore follows that unless monetary union collapses, or proves to be an ecocannot avoid entry by the early part of the next century without - once a real though as yet unidentified point has been reached heamorraging credibility ever month it delays. And that means first that Blair will have to fight the next election, unlike the last, clearly and perhaps dangerously divided from the Tories on the greatest decision the country now faces; and secondly that he will subsequently have to win a referendum on a single currency against a possibly reinvigorated Tory party, in order to prevent his administration limping to certain defeat at the election after that.

Of course there are all sorts of seductive words that will offer themselves as an alibi if it looks politically difficult to join shortly after a Labour victory, if there is one, in the next election. Will EMU really be visibly "successful"? Will we perhaps need another ten years to judge it? Will all those rather subjective "economic tests" which Brown specified yesterday have been met? (The one objective one, measurable economic convergence, almost certainly will

have been.) But that shouldn't disguise the realities that underlie Brown's commitment yesterday to prepare for the single currency. Business, surely, will only allow the Government to retreat behind those words if they mean something. There is a momentum now and it points, for all the qualifications, to the Government doing all it can to securing a yes vote in an EMU referendum early in the next century.

The importance of yesterday's announcement is underpinned by another aspect which looks minor but isn't. In the endless to-ing and fro-ing during the many meetings and telephone calls between Brown, Blair and a small group of ministers and officials in the past few days, a crucial point at issue has been the factor most worrying convinced pro-European politicians and businessmen: the projection of the decision as one for after the next election and not before it. Many of the captains of industry queued up at the beginning of last week to register with friendly ministers their deep dismay at reading a weekend Times headline ruling out a single currency in the present parliament. Men like Adair Turner, director general of the CBI, and Niall Fitzgerald, chairman of Unilver, have accepted that it won't be before the year 2000 that Britain's economic cycle will be sufficiently synchronised with Europe's: which means that it probably won't be until then that the UK will be able to tolerate, with minimal risks, the lower interest rates that single currency entry will require. But the businessmen also argue persuasively that once that point is passed, there may be no economic reason for not joining. Brown's statement won't wholly satisfy the businessmen. But they should be somewhat mollified not just by the clear statement of commitment in principle to joining a successful single currency, but also to his careful qualification that "barring unforeseen circumstances" entry will not take place in the current parliament.

The idea of a bald statement that the government had decided not to join in the present parliament was certainly discussed by Brown with Blair. There were advantages in making it. The limited period between economic convergence around the turn of the century and the general election was always likely to make the risks of a pre-election referendum too daunting to consider. It might well be winnable; what makes the stakes unbrearably high is that if you lost, perhaps against the odds, you lose everything, or more precisely the second full term which Blair has pledged to be the first Labour Prime Minister to deliver. It was quite widely, if not welcomed, at least understood, according to ministers who spend time in Europe, by most the current parliament. Given those realities why not make a virtue of it, look decisive, and at the same time avoid the continued speculation about ERM entry that dogged the Thatcher government? The formula agreed by Brown and Blair, however. is more skillful. In the real world there is almost no chance of British EMU entry happening in the parliament. But by keeping open - just - the theoretical possibility, the Government underlines rather than undermines its commitment to EMU.

Having made a harder choice than it may look, the Government cannot stand back. It will have to try and persuade, and if cannot persuade, defeat strident press opposition. It will have to start preparing public opinion for something it is, at present, singularly unprepared for, By failing, for electoral reasons, when in opposition, adequately to lead public opinion towards Europe, it has made its own job all the harder. But on completion of that task, rests not only the success of the policy unveiled vesterday, but the long term survival of the Blair hegemony.

Montserrat tells a story of failure, incompetence and callousness



FRAN ABRAMS TALKS TO DAVID BRANDT

On the third floor of an office set in a quiet Westminster side street the Chief Minister of Montserrat, David Brandt, sits flanked by his special adviser and one of his ministers. The atmosphere is calm; the words measured - a far cry from the heat and anger that the island's crisis has generated in recent months. But what these men have come to say, if true, could prove devastating for the longterm reputation of the British government. Today Mr Brandt will lay before MPs a catalogue of what he believes to be failure. incompetence and downright callousness in the face of dire need on the part of his people.

The pendulum has swung back and forth through the long summer since the volcano in the Soufriere Hills erupted in June, killing 19 people. At first the news reports showed the British government doing all they could; sending the HMS Liverpool to evacuate islanders from this dependent territory and helping to put up temporary shelters. Then it became clear that the Montserratians were not all abjectly grateful. In fact, many of them did not want to leave, and even more felt that they were getting too little, too late. After all, the volcano had begun erupting two years previously, in 1995.

Now the Montserrat government has come to put its side of the story. And it is not an edof the allegations - and truth has been something of a precious commodity throughout this sorry saga – they build a picture of an island race who feel their very existence is under threat. Mr Brandt hiots that it

would be easiest for some British officials if Montserrat simply ceased to exist. Ministers here have talked of their powerlessness to cut through the maze of government departments and bureaucracy that rules this dependent territory, but he has another view.

"When they wanted to evacuate the people they did it quickly, they didn't have to write up a project for that. But when it comes to alleviating the hardship of the people, all kinds of obstacles are placed in the way," he says.

Few facts about this dis-



tressing situation are undisputed, but the conditions of those remaining on the island are quite clear. Even the numbers of people are uncertain -Mr Brandt says 4,000. Clare Short has suggested between 2,500 and 3,000 - but it is cer-

tainly true that two years on many of them live in appalling conditions in temporary shelters, with 40 or 50 people sharing a single privy in some cases. Mr Brandt says the other Caribbean countries have promised 30 pre-fabricated two bedroomed houses, which will

be delivered next week. Jamaica has promised to supply or so people who have waited more than two years for new homes will continue to wait in church halls and schools, because the British government has so far failed to put in a road, water supply, sewage pipes and electricity. Although the British have now built 50 houses and plan some 250, delays and spats have dominated the process. The island's government argues that, in any case, 500 houses are needed to cope with more than 2,000 people in tem-

One of the most startling allegations concerns the fact that the sewage tanks in temporary shelters were often not emptied for weeks on end. Clare Short told MPs just weeks ago that she was "haunted" by this. She said the British government had no power to do anything other than to provide vehicles.

porary shelters.

But Mr Brandt says the first vehicle supplied was 19 years old and cobbled together from bits of old trucks. It did not work, and parts were almost impossible to obtain. A second vehicle was not much better. And when a third, new truck was finally sent an official working for the British refused to hand it over. He said he wanted to bring in staff from abroad to train locals in how to use it and also suggested employing a private firm to run it. This went on for two and a half months before the vehicle was finally

"What is scandalous about nt to the mittee and supported the case that we dealt with the trucks in an incompetent manner when they knew otherwise," Mr Brandt says.

Up to 300 primary age children are now out of lessons despite requests for a new building because their schools are being used to house the homeless. Then there is the question of the 180 mentally ill people still on Montserrat, who are living "in the community" with little help and in constant danger of serious injury if they wander into the danger zone. Mr Brandt says he has asked for them to be cared for in Britain but he has been refused. Sources here say they have never heard this before.

Despite friction between the British and the government of the island, Mr Brandt does not want to apportion blame. Asked about Clare Short's reported comment that the islanders would be "asking for golden elephants next," he said: "You would have to ask Clare Short why she said that," adding that he believed she had been wrongly advised.

He also spoke optimistically of Tony Blair's personal intervention into the crisis - he met Mr Brandt last month - and said he hoped the British would now act swiftly to solve Montserrat's problems. "All we are asking the British government is to give us the chance to start over again. We have lost everything, not through our fault but

Ministers say they are doing all they can, and that Mr Brandt has been given direct access both to George Foulkes in the International Development department and to Baroness Symons in the Foreign Office. Mr Brandt meets the island's governor weekly but somehow the messages are not getting through. He says he only saw the

the first time three days ago. One one level, the apportioning of blame for this dis-

graceful mess is hardly helpful. What matters is to get things sorted. But at another level, an essential difference remains that underlies the whole fiasco. While the Montserrat government struggles to rebuild its island home, its members feel that their aims are being undermined. They question the commitment of the British to their future, "If those who want to depopulate Montserrat have their way we will be scattered to the four winds," says Mr ture, we will lose everything."

Maybe some people here do wonder whether the cost more than £45m so far - is too high. For the Montserratians, it is clearly a small price to pay. And surely if the disaster zone were in Birmingham, Manchester or Edinburgh the British government would agree wholeheartedly.

A trip to the sea with A S Neill can be worth more than a formal lesson

Summerhill, the famous experimental school in Suffolk, has been found wanting in English and **Mathematics by Ofsted** inspectors, and is now threatened with closure. Angela Neustatter, a former pupil of the school, argues that exams are not the only measure of

So, in the end it has not been from my years in the 1950s as the News of the World bribing kids to pose naked together in the bathrooms, or the tales of staff having sex on the front lawn (there was no front lawn). or even the oft-voiced criticism that we do-as-yer-like kids would be quite unable to adjust to the outside world once we left that has finally threatened to close Summerhill. No, my alma mater, the experimental progressive school that A S Neill founded 76 years ago, bas now been told that it will receive a Notice of Complaint from the Department of Education (effectively a death warrant) if it does not bring educational standards up to their minimum requirements by next

A jolly good thing too, I can hear people muttering. For Neill's belief that giving children freedom to learn when and as they wished has never been popular. His experience of teaching reluctant kids through force led him to experiment with the idea that trust would lead children to learn in their own time and would give them a greater chance of being happy adults. I remember well,

to 15 at Summerhill, the frequent appearance of visitors, journalists and academics. The would look terribly uncomfortable in the midst of us kids, in our rough and tumble clothes, often with dirty faces and hands, quite possibly rushing around shricking - undaunted by their authoritative adult presence - as we played "lucky" or "tag" in the front drive at times when other children were tucked away in classrooms. They were appalled at the sight of a drama lesson in which we performed Twelfth Night with much hilarity on the lawn, and shocked by an English class where the teacher was running a half-a-crown sweepstakes on who would read Ulysses by the end of term. Neill himself abandoning a maths lesson to take us swimming (because it was a glorious day) didn't meet with approval, either, even though he insisted on discussing Freud and Reich en route to the sea.

a pupil from the age of eleven

The school meeting was the firkerum of Summerhill democracy. Here sitting around the walls of the wood-panelled

front hall and up the stairs on the banisters, we carried out the business of self-government. making and changing the rules (except for matters of safety). So we altered bed-times, allowed smoking one year, banned it the next, prohibited staff from our tree camps, and so on. We also came down heavily on kids who bullied, and we were remarkably hard-line in punishing anybody who nicked from local shops, brought booze into school, or did anything else that put Summerhill at risk. We took selfgovernment seriously, and felt frightfully important when our contribution to a meeting sparked a discussion or effected a change. Looking back, in these days when there is so much talk about the importance of giving children a voice. I think Summerhill was simply ahead of the game. Those critics who could not

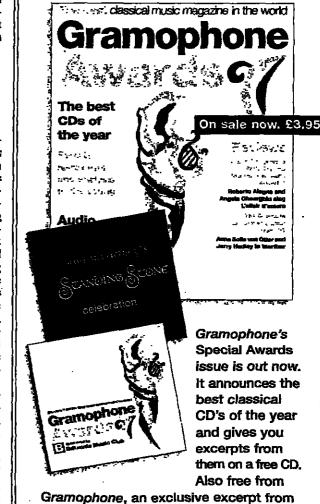
see the point of Summerhill hated the whole self-determining, haphazard business. They wrote virulent critiques pointing out how Neill's avowed espousal of W B Yeats's philosophy that "education is not filling a bucket, but lighting a fire" - children will come to learn when you allow them to find what interests them, he would declare while striding like a gigantic gnome around the grounds) must be ultimately harmful. Over and over, they warned that we would emerge maladjusted into the outside world, unable to adapt, like some breed of extra-terrestri-I'm sorry to kill a nice myth,

but it didn't turn out that way. Even though I curse to this day that my education resembled a Gruyère cheese, I seem not to have become a social leper or been unable to find decent work. And I can produce a list long enough to paper an Oxbridge college of former pupils who have achieved success in the most conventional terms - a mathematics professor at Imperial College, among other academics; doctors; lawyers; a publisher; an executive with an environmental charity; and a very healthy list of artists, crafts people and writers. Of course there were kids who have done less well, as there are from every kinds of school, but the difference is that they have not been made to feel

It will be a disgrace if Summerhill is closed. Nobody is obliged to send their children there, and the school receives no state subsidy. If the Department of Education is worried about kids failing educationally, it would be better concentrate on the great numbers who are excluded from education, including school refusers, and on those who crack under the enormous pressures put on them in some private schools. It is said that one in five kids in Britain have mental health problems, and child psychiatrists attribute many of these to highly com-

petitive education. We would all be losers if the vastly influential educational experiment that continues at Summerhill were to be closed. Neill wrote, cheerily, in 1972: "Britain is the freest country in the world. Nowhere else could I have had Summerhill." Will it really be a step forward if, because Summerhill does not conform to the increasing educational orthodoxy of our time, that ceases to be true? And if parents like mine can no longer offer their kids a different way of learning?

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Joyce Compton

Eleanor Hunt (Joyce Compton), actress: born Lexington, Kentucky 27 January 1907; died Los Angeles 13 October 1997.

The climax of sexy, blonde Joyce Compton's long screen career was the 67th of more than 120 films.

In Leo McCarey's classic screwball comedy The Awful Truth (1937) she played Dixie Belle Lee, a southernaccented singer with whom Jerry Warriner (Cary Grant) is attempting to forget his estranged wife Lucy (Irene Dunne). In one of the film's best-remembered scenes, the Warriners and Lucy's millionaire suitor (Ralph Bellamy) share the same night-club table as Dixie Belle sings: "I used to dream of a cottage small, / A cottage small by a waterfall, / But I wound up with no dreams at all; / My dreams have gone with the wind!" - at which point, her skirt is lifted by an air-iet, while she makes coy attempts to keep it down.

A genuine Dixie belie, the Kentucky-born Compton was educated in Oklahoma. College dramatics at Tulsa University gave her a taste for acting, and her family dutifully moved to Los Angeles so that she could pursue a film career. After appearing in the silent feature What Fools Men (1925), she became one of the Wampas Baby Stars of 1926. "Wampas" was an acronym for the Western Association of Motion Picture Advertisers, and the promising

screen newcomers the organisation chose that vintage year also included Joan Crawford, Janet Gaynor, Mary Astor, Pay Wray, Dolores Del Rio and Marceline Day.

Day, Compton and Clara

Bow appeared as college students in The Wild Party (1929), an early talkie. Compton's voice easily passed the microphone test, and was put to good use in Bow's next film, Dangerous Curves (also 1929), the Janet Gaynor/Charles Farrell musical High Society Blues (1930), the Will Rogers comedy Lightnin' (also 1930) and Three Girls Lost (1931), in which Compton, Joan Marsh and Loretta Young played flatmates involved in a murder.

In one of the eight episodes of If I Had a Million (1932), Compton was Marie, a flirtatious lunchwagon cook pursued by three marines (Gary Cooper, Jack Oakie and Roscoe Karns), who attack their sergeant for calling her "a soldier's plaything".

After appearing in Margaret Sullavan's first film, the tear-jerking Only Yesterday (1933), Compton was signed by Mack Sennett to appear in a series of slapstick short-subjects. Although Sennett had been the king of silent-screen comedy, his sound-era two-reelers showed a decline in quality, and Sennett himself a distinct lack of organisation, his artists often being forced to film all night. "I was frail, and the career was hard on me," Compton told the film historian Leonard Maltin.

parents' constant care to keep me going."

However, thanks to these shorts, she was recognised as a dependable comedienne, and next played opposite the ex-Semett comedian Charley Chase in such two-reclers as Manhattan Monkey Business and Public Ghost Number 1 Returning to feature films,

she appeared in Go Into Your Dance and Magnificent Obsession (both 1935), Trapped by Television (1936), Kid Galahad (1937), Fritz Lang's You and Me (1938) and Rose of Washington Square (1939), in which she played Alice Fave's best friend. In Sky Murder (1940) she had one of her favourite roles: Christina "Chris" Cross, a female detective who attempts (unsuccessfully, of course) to outwit Nick Carter, the detective hero played by Walter Pidgeon. She was "Scarlett", one of Marlene Dietrich's fellow honky-tonk girls, in Manpower (1941), one of five films Compton made that year.

At the age of 39, she still looked young enough to play a chorus girl in the alleged biography of Cole Porter, Night and Day (1946). She appeared in The Best Years of Our Lives (also 1946), directed by William Wyler, who had first employed her 19 years earlier on the western Border Cavalier. She was cast in a rare brunette role in Red Skelton's Civil War farce A Southern Yankee (1948), but was back to normal in Sorry, Wrong Number



Compton: a genuine Dixie belle

That the character she played in the latter film was simply called "Blonde" was an indication that worthwhile parts were thinning out - in the next 10 years, she made only six films, retiring from

guished Girl in the Woods (1958). Her only marriage, in 1956, was dissolved after three

Ever since appearing in the hospital melodrama The White Parade (1934), Compton had

her retirement, she divided her time between working as a part-time nurse, designing clothes and painting. "I don't live in the past," she told Maltin in 1969. "There is too much

Photograph: Ronald Grant Archive

Bert Haanstra

Bert Haanstra, film director: born Holten, Holland 31 May 1916; died 23 October 1997.

The Dutchman Bert Haanstra was probably the best-known director of short films at a time when parrative, documentary or "poetic" shorts were still regarded as an indispensable part of a cinema's supporting programme. At least, they were regarded as such by distributors, if not necessarily by a sometimes long-suffering public - more accurately, shortsuffering, but short films frequently felt longer than the "big picture" they had been designed to support. Haanstra's. alas, were a case in point.

In the Fifties and Sixties. along with the experimental squibs of Norman McLaren, his films were or seemed ubiquitous, And older film buffs may still recall the collective groan that used to rise from the auditorium when one of his titles, Glass or Zoo or Bridge of Holland, would materialise on the screen instead of the film we had all paid to see.

Haanstra was born in 1916. After experimenting with an amateur camera as a boy, and training as a painter, he found employment as a press photographer and shot his first fulhy professional film in his thirties. Thereafter he would divide his energies between documentary commissions from the Royal Dutch Shell film unit (the equivalent of Britain's GPO) and mining a more personal and lyrical vein of inspiration: his second short, Mirror of Holland (1950), which he

both directed and photographed, received a Grand Prix at the Cannes Festival, merely the first of countless prizes which his films would gather like moss. Glass (1958) was particularly successful, crowning over 20 international awards with an Oscar for Best Short Film. His handful of feature films, the most familiar of which is Fanfare (also 1958) a Dutch Ealing comedy, if one can imagine such a monstrosity - were less admired.

Why is Haanstra now as neglected as he once was celebrated? Apart from a more or less universal indifference to the short film, it must be said that his work has not aged well. He was what might be termed a phenomenological film-maker, preoccupied with surfaces and textures. His camera would usually content itself with just staring at what it found in its iens, seldom rousing itself to probe for subtler significance. And, when it did, that significance nevertheless tended to remain crudely superficial.

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The one joke conceit of Zoo (1962) was that, if gawping speciators were filmed from the animal's point of view, they would resemble . . . well, animals, and the short montage sequence which he shot for Jacques Tati's Trafic in 1971 presented a series of images of motorists idling away the time in a traffic jam by snoozing. scratching their crotches, and picking their noses with chimney-sweep vigour. If there is much to criticise in the contemporary European cinema, it has in some respects matured. – Gilbert Adair

Simon Dwyer

Simon McKenzie Dwyer, writer and editor: born Salisbury, Rhodesia 28 November 1959; married 1982 Fiona Pritchard (one son deceased); died Brighton, East Sussex 26 September

Simon Dwyer was an extraordinary young man who established himself as one of the leading commentators on, and contributors to, the artistic and creative subculture of the last two decades. A writer first and foremost, he focused his work through the magazine he first conceived in 1979 and named Rapid Eve.

The youngest of three sons, Dwyer was born in Salisbury, Rhodesia, in 1959, but moved to England a year later, when his family returned, moving



Dwyer: the 'zine to end

around the country before settling in Plymouth, where Dwyer attended, somewhat reluctantly, the local schools. He left Tavistock Comprehensive shortly after his 16th

which turned many heads away from convention and towards the exploration of the alternative and improbable. It was precisely into this area of burgeoning cultural expansion that Dwyer focused his energies. His understanding of the possibilities awakened by rejecting hierarchical and formal society was already gestating, as was the art and performance of transgression.

In 1978 he moved to London and began, in the tradition of punk writers, developing his own fanzine, Rapid Eye. The first issue, which hit the streets in 1979, included a feature article on the anarchist band Crass which was quickly picked up by the music paper Sounds.

Dwyer established himself This was the time of punk, rapidly as a regular contributor

mous, the soon-to-be famous and - as is inevitable in an industry that so voraciously pmmotes and demotes - the once famous and the never-will-be famous. This eclectic mix served mainly to reinforce in Dwyer the belief that status is the least of all relevant concerns and that it is the human level, his willingness to embrace and creative integrity, that above all marks out the true

> By 1982 Dwyer had moved to Brighton, and it was in that year that he married Fiona Pritchard. It was soon after this that sadness struck their lives. with the death at birth of their only child, Peter. The world of commercial

journalism became ever less attractive to Dwyer and he moved from it to that of interior design. joining Rhodec International.

to Sounds, interviewing the fa- Alongside this work, he continued writing, developing Rapid Eve into an increasingly lavish exemplar of the fanzine art. Indeed, the famous "Black" edition which he produced in 1986 has since become a sought-after collector's item.

However, Rapid Eye as a

concept, despite its plaudits. hac for him never reached its potential. Calling in favours from friends and contacts he had made through his earlier work, he set out to produce the 'zine to end all 'zines: a coffeetable edition, massive in scope, scale and vision.

And how those favours rolled in: Andy Warhol provided the frontispiece; William Burroughs sent three pieces of writing, "And His Name was Rover", "The Johnson Family". and "The Fall of Art". Kathy Acker, Genesis P-Orridge and

to the volume, as did Derek Jarman. Alongside this galaxy of stars, Dwyer included, with no less care or column inches, a raft of unknown writers with specialisms ranging from conspiracy theories to foot-binding. Over a year in the making, Rapid Eye 1 (1989) proved to be inspirational, in the words of the New Musical Express "a veritable treasure-trove of

Penetrating, comprehensive,

most illuminating." With the task of the first "real" issue behind him, Dwyer and his wife transported their life to America. They were there to develop Rhodec's North American presence, but inevitably spent the best part of their year travelling across the country. It was this, certainly,

that provided the inspiration for

Colin Wilson also contributed Dwyer's greatest exploration of his journalistic skill, a text of over 100,000 words, "The Plague Yard: Altered States of America". ---It-was on their return to

England in 1991 that Dwyer

learned that he was HIV pos-

itive. While coming to terms with the diagnosis he completed "Plague Yard" and concluded a commercial deal with The idea of publishing "Plague mind-activating information. Yard" as a book was floated. Those who read the text found it astonishing: the art of the travel writer re-configured into a plea for cultural freedom, with the punk aesthetic not only intact, but validated as never before. Focusing as much on low art as high, the piece shows Dwyer to be as much at home with the dispossessed idealist as with the art-élite glitterati.

But Dwyer, for all the praise & heaped on him, remained true to the spirit that had long driven him, and declined the offers, "Plague Yard" was not to be used to announce his elevation in the literary field; instead it was to exist, and stand or fall on its merits, alongside many other pieces, simply as a contribution to Rapid Eye 2.

By 1993 the debilitating efunavoidable presence in his life. Minor ailments mounted up, fatigue set in. And work began on the third and final volume of Rapid Eve. The centrepiece of the volume is a startling piece, by Dwyer himself, on the art of Gilbert and George who offered the use of their painting "We" as the cover. Rapid Eye 3 was launched in London in 1994.

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Henry Pelling

I first met Henry Pelling in LSE Library in 1951, writes Professor Frank Bealey [further to the obituary by Peter Lineban, 21

who founded the National Association of Labour Students and that he was producing a book on the foundation of the October]. It was known that he Labour Party. I was working in the same field at the time and

we became friends. I heard how he had served at Walcheren with "the funnies", the division with flailing tanks, and how he had persuaded college servants to join a trade union.

He showed me a draft of his first work, published in 1954 as The Origins of the Labour Party. We became co-authors of the seguel - Labour and Politics 1900-1906 (1958). Collaboration

with him was an educational experience. He had begun as a classicist and enjoyed quoting Latin tags, which may explain his love of obscure footnotes and learned parentheses. He was se-

vere on sloppy syntax and did not suffer factual inaccuracies gladly; but he was always helpful, encouraging and amusing.

In the early 1950s I used to lodge with him in London dur-

ing Long Vacations and he was the only person I have known who could be witty (and punny) at breakfast. It was tragic he never married. He liked women and was engaged at one time in

America, but it ended sadly. Although he took easily to the semi-monastic life it was second best for him. He was a distinguished historian, but a

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

DEATHS

FOORD: Suddenly, on 24 October 1997, in the interval of a concert at Snape Makings, Anthony, loved and loving husband, lather and grandfather. Funeral Service private. Family flowers only. Donations to the Bursary Fund of the Britten-Pears. School (cheques made payable to The Aldeburgh Foundation) or to the Suf-folk Historic Churches Trust, c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service, Sax-mundham, Suffolk IP17 1DJ, A ser-

SHELTON: On 25 October, at home in Knaresborough, Hugh Shelton, dearly leved husband of Barbara, Fu-neral private, Memorial service to be arranged later.

MARRIAGES

HEATH / HAZELL: Andrew and Claire, of Shenstone, Staffordshire, at Spice Island, Grenada, 28 October 1997.

IN MEMORIAM

CRAIG: Sheila. With fondest memo ries, Barbara, Alan and family. For Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS, please telephone 0171-293 2010 or fax 0171-293 2010.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Changing of the Guard
The Household Cavelry Mounted Registers mounts
to Outer's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Hans No
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onyoided to the Savis Guards.

Birthdays

Miss Jane Alexander, actress, 58: Mr Peter Baring, former chairman, Barings, 62; Mr Henry Candy, raceborse trainer, 53; Professor Sir David Davies, chief scientific officer, Ministry of Defence, 62: Mr Carl Davis. composer and conductor, 61; Mr David Dimbleby, television presenter and newspaper proprietor, 59; Professor Sir Richard Doll, cancer researcher, 85; Sir Ewen Fergusson, chairman, Coutts & Co, 65; Mr Wayne Fontana, rock singer, 52; Mr Bill Gates, chairman and chief executive officer, Microsoft Corporation, 42: Mr Christopher Gill MP, 61; Lord Hesketh, former government chief whip, House of Lords, 47; Mr Mark James, golfer, 44; Surgeon Rear-Admiral John Keeling, 76; Dame Cleo Laine, singer, 70; Mr Hank Marvin, rock musician, 56; Miss Sophie Mirman, former chairman, Sock Shop. 41; Mr Michael

Rodgers of Quarry Bank, former MP and government minister, 69; Dr Barry Seal, MEP, 62

Noakes, painter, 64; Miss Joan Plowright (Lady Olivier), actress, 68; Stewart Purvis, Chief Executive,

ITN, 50: Sir Rex Richards, Chan-

cellor, Exeter University, 75; Lord

Anniversaries Births: Georges-Auguste Escoffier, chef de cuisine, 1846; Howard Hanson, composer and conductor, 1896; Evelyn Arthur St John Waugh, novelist, 1903; Francis Bacon, painter, 1909. Deaths: John Locke, philosooher, 1704; John Smeaton, engineer, 1792; Ottmar Mergenthaler, inventor of the Linotype, 1899; David Jones, author and painter, 1974; John Braine, novelist, 1986; Pietre Annigoni, painter, 1988. On this day: Harvard College was founded at Newe Towne, Cambridge, Massa-

chusens, 1636; Lima and Callac were demolished by an earthquake, 1746; Michael Faraday made the first dynamo, 1831; Strasbourg was surrendered to the Germans, 1870; the Statue of Liberty was dedicated by President Cleveland, 1886; HMS Havelock, the first destroyer in the Royal Navy, went on trials, 1893; an influenza epidemic raged in Britain, 1918; Mussolini marched on Rome, 1922; the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange began a world eco-nomic crisis, 1929; Italy invaded Greece, 1940; the House of Commons voted in favour of Britain joining the Common Market, with a majority of 112, 1971. Today is the Feast Day of St Abraham of Ephesus, Saints Anastasia and Cyril, St Paro, St Fidelis of Como, St Jude or Thaddeus, St Salvius or Saire and St

Lectures

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins and Michael Wilson: "Points of View (4): Delaroche, The Execution of Lady Jane Grey", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Fahmida Shah, "Art and Islamic Worship II", 2,30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Anne

Harvey, "Emily Tennyson, the Poet's Wife", 1.10pm. Royal Society: John Browne, "Science, Technology and Responsibility", 5.30pm. King's College London: The Rev Professor Jack Mahoney, "Respect-ing Human Rights in Business".

University College London: Volker Sommer: "The Naked Ape in New Light: Sexnal Biology of Humans and Other Animals", 1.15pm, Lendon School of Econ Sheikh Hasina, "Vote Rigging and the Solution", 5.30pm.

LAW REPORT: 28 OCTOBER 1997

Publisher of leaked material must disclose source

The public interest in protecting a journalist's source of leaked information about the Camelot Group was outweighed by that of allowing Camelot to discover the identity of its disloyal employee.

Camelot Group plc v Centaur Communications Ltd: Court of Angeal (Lord fustice Schiemann.) Mummery) 23 October 1997

The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal of Centaur Communications Ltd against an order requiring them to deliver up to the Camelot Group plc documents and other confidential information.

Shortly before Camelot was due to publish its accounts in June 1997 an unknown person sent a copy of its draft accounts Centaur. He wrote an article which was published by Centaur in Marketing Week under Camelou the heading "Camelot's chiefs' pay soars as good cause funds

"Camelot's leaked year end re- Camelot effectively required clusive, factor. Whether suffisults, showing huge payouts for directors, will spark 'fat cats' Camelot obtained an ex-

parte order restraining Centaur from using or publishing any confidential information, and requiring it to deliver up the documents in its possession or to which had access. Later that day on an inter partes hearing, the part of the order dealing with delivery up was stayed on terms that Centaur delivered up all relevant documents to its solicitors pending further order. Camelot then obtained a further order requiring Centaur to deliver up the documents, with a stay pending appeal. It was against that order that the present appeal had been brought.

Andrew Nicol QC and Ben Emmerto a journalist employed by sen (Davenpon Lyons) for Centaur: David Pannick QC and Naomi Ellenbogen (Baker McKenzie) for

Lord Justice Schiemann said fall", with, in smaller lettering, that the order obtained by was a relevant, but not a con-

whom the journalist had passed his information to disclose his source. Camelot wished to know the name of their disloyal employee. Although the order was not in terms an order requiring disclosure of a source, since that would clearly be its effect. section 10 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, which restricted the exercise of

the court's power to compel

disclosure of a source of

information, was applicable.

the owners of the newspaper to

The following legal principles were to be applied. There was an important public interest in the press's being able to protect the anonymity of its sources. The law did not, however, enable the press to protect that anonymity in all circumstances. When assessing whether an order forcing disclosure should be made, the desire of an employer to identify the employee so as to exclude

ciently strong reasons were shown in a particular case to outweigh the important public interest in the press being able to protect the anonymity of its sources would depend on the facts of the particular case, and in making its judgment on that question the domestic court would give great weight to the judgments, in particular the recent judgments, made by the European Court of Human Rights in cases where the facts were similar to those before the domestic court.

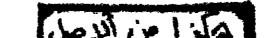
In the present case, although there was no threat of further disclosure of the condamage in that there was unease and suspicion amongst Camelot's employees which initioited good working relationships. There was also clearly a risk that an employee who had proved untrustworthy in one i gard might be untrusthim from further employment worthy in a different respect

public figure who had won a huge lottery prize. In the present case there ap-

peared to be no public interest in protecting the source. There remained, however, an important consideration. To some extent, disclosing the identity of one source who had leaked unimportant material could have a chilling effect on the willingness of others to disclose material which was important. That consideration could only be met by a blanket rule against any disclosure, which was part neither of our domestic law nor the Convention. The wellinformed source would thus fidential information, there always have to take a view as to the court's reaction to disclosure in the circumstances of his case.

In the present case, the judge had rightly taken the view that the public interest in enabling Camelot to discover a diskoyal employee was greater than that in enabling him to

escape detection. - Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister



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Wall Street plunge shakes markets around the world

Shares slumped around the world of its value in a few hours of trading. The resterday after a fresh collapse in Hong Kong and a plunge in New fork shattered confidence from ondon to Mexico City. Tom itevenson, Financial Editor, reports on the continuing turmoil.

Wall Street went into a tailspin last night, dealing a blow to markets around the world as one speculative bubble after another was pricked. Emerging markets, especially in South America, were hardest hit, with the Brazilian bourse losing almost 15 per cent

Dow Jones index in New York was 346 points lower at one stage in early afternoon trading. That shook confidence in all the markets still trading last night. Mexico lost 7.5 per cent of its value while the Argentinian market was more than 10 per cent down.

The FTSE 100 index remained in negjittery session in the Far East but was relatively unscathed as trading closed before. the rush for the exits really got under way in New York. It closed the session 129.5 points lower, however, and almost 500 points off the high reached by Footsie at the beginning of the month.

Contagion from the crisis in Hong Kong was once again a key factor in London's early weakness, but more than half the fall came in the last hour of trading after Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, ruled out early entry to EMU and Wall Street began

The Hang Seng fell 646.14 overnight, a ative territory all day yesterday after another 6 per cent decline that all but wiped out the Hong Kong index's gain last Friday after its collapse on Thursday. There were falls in other Asian markets too, with Japan's Nikkei index dipping to its lowest level for more than two years.

The sell-off travelled west around the globe once more, setting the tone for early

weakness in London. But the final slump to 4,840.7 was driven by plunging prices in New York. Wall Street later recorded a fall of almost 350 points after the London market closed as confidence in US shares, which

have soured this year, evaporated. The volatility of the London market, which has now fallen by almost 10 per cent in three weeks, was exacerbated yesterday by relatively thin trading as many dealers chose to sit out the turnoil. Volumes have been low ever since the Stock Exchange introduced its new order-driven trading system, Sets, last Monday.

"People are just standing to the side, biding time." said HSBC James Capel

still suffering from the hangover from Hong Kong and there are still concerns about valuations in the US"

Bob Semple, strategist at NatWest Securities, added: "The Dow has sliced through some important resistance levels and the risk is that the decline is gathering pace."

Shares were also hit by weaker gilts, which suffered from the Chancellor ruling out entry to the single currency during the current parliament. That increased the chance that interest rates would remain higher for longer, according to Michael

Hughes, economist at BZW. The prospect of higher interest rates

strategist Philip Collins. "The markets are boosted the pound, which traded at almost DM2.92 and \$1.65.

> In the US analysts agreed that the correction, which saw the Dow also trading around 500 points off its recent highs, still had a way to go. "The American economy is in good shape but this correction probably has another 200 to 300 points to go as we were over-extended at 8.000," said Bill Allyn, head trader at Jefferies & Co.

> Other stockmarkets shared in the pain of the global correction. In Europe there were widespread falls, with the CAC40 in France closing 2.8 per cent lower and Germany's DAX index down by the same margin.

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No sign of an end to Asian meltdown as Hong Kong rally is wiped out

News from the Asian financial markets remained unremittingly gloomy yesterday with the Hong Kong stock market plunging 6 per cent, giving back all Friday's attempted raily, while Japan's stock market fell to its lowest level in more than two years. Stephen Vines in Hong Kong looks at why these markets have fallen from grace and argues that there are good reasons for them to remain weak.

A Thai version of the Bonfire of the Vanities was being played out on a side street of Bangkok's fashionable Sukhumvit district note of the weekend. Some of those who had made money on the previously booming stock needed foreign funds to service market were having to part with their glossy Mercedes limousines, Rolex watches and other ostentatious trappings in what amounted to an up-market car boot sale, forced by the sudden long pushed to one side. These

slump which left them desperately strapped for cash.

It was in Thailand that the Asian financial crash started, triggered by international currency speculators taking bets against the Thai baht. Faced with the prospect of rocketing interest rates to stem the outflow of foreign capital, the baht quickly fell, followed by a host of finance houses submerged in a sea of bad debt. Once the run started it was unstoppable. The speculators walked away with an estimated \$3bn in their pockets and an appetite for more.

Other targets close to hand at the national debt figures gave more than a clue to vulnerability. In 1995, Thailand's external debt was equivalent to more than one-third of gross national product. In Indonesia it amounted to more than onehalf, in the Philippines to almost one-half and in Malaysia to almost 40 per cent.

These countries desperately the debt but they could only be attracted by high interest rates which, in turn, would hold back econômic growth.

The warning signs were for

be tigers were notching up double-digit economic growth and their stock markets were booming. In 1995, all the stock markets of the Asian countries, which on average have seen more than one-third wiped off share values, were trading on price/earnings ratios averaging

"More and more money men suddenly realised that Asian stock markets should not have been booming for the past two years," said Hans Vriens, senior consultant for the were not hard to find. A glance Hong Kong-based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy. "They suddenly realised that these economies are not so strong and they are filled with a lot of corruption, nepotism, inadequate banking systems, etc."

well over 20 times the earnings

of the listed companies.

The time had come for the kill. "We were like wolves on the ridgeline, looking down on a herd of elk," one of the currency speculators has said.

Strangely, the stock market which is now hurting most and the currency most eagerly eyed by speculators is that of Hong Kong. The former colony was the one place in the region with no big problems of indebtedness and a stock market rather conservatively trading inline with the collective corporate

strength of its component parts. It was this very strength that caused the problem. Alone among stock markets, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange had the liquidity, and until just over a week ago, the strength, to be used as a milk cow for fund managers scrambling to get together the cash to pay off investors who wanted to get out of the region.

Once they turned to the Hong Kong market to redeem these funds, the selling got out of control. The herd instinct took over. "This market is going west," said a regional strategy officer for a European bank, "You can't stop people wanting out. I reckon the Hang Seng index will bit 8,000 before too long." The market closed at 10,498 yesterday, a fall of almost

6 per cent on the day. Kenny Tang, from the CA the value of globalisation.

tiger economies and the would- Pacific brokerage, believes that the index will not go below 10,000 without buying support. However, as James Osborn, director of sales at Barings Securities in Hong Kong, points out: "The dangerous thing is that it only needs a little fuel on the fire to prompt further sell-offs."

> There is little doubt where that fuel is going to come from. Donald Tsang, the financial secretary, alluded to it in a speech yesterday when he acknowledged that Hong Kong's resolute defence of its currency's fixed link to the US dollar was going to hurt the local economy as interest rates rose, but he said that the price was worth paying.

> However, Mr Vriens is among many who believe the markets will go into a downward spiral as high interest rates hit property companies and banks. which dominate the stock market. As the stock market falls, spending power drops and this will feed back into depressing demand.

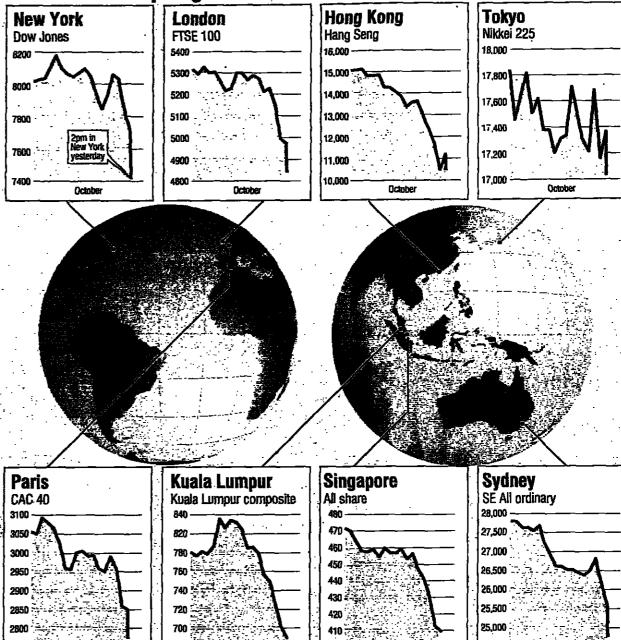
> Hong Kong is left between a rock and a hard place. David Roche, the president of Independent Strategy, states the dilemma thus. Defending the fixed link means "higher rates, lower asset prices and slower growth". On the other hand breaking the link "could destro Hong Kong's financial system".

It remains to be seen whether the rumoured fresh assault on the link will materialise this week. If it does, the Hong Kong authorities will again play hard ball by intervening in the currency and interest rate markets. "Let them [the speculators] come back if they don't mind losses," said Alexander Au, chief executive of HSBC subsidiary,

the Hang Seng Bank. Meanwhile the meltdown in Hong Kong is whiplashing back into other Asian markets. Yesterday the blue-chip Nikkei 225 in Tokyo dropped almost 2 per cent, to its lowest point in more than two years, and in Sydney the stock market plummeted more than 3 per cent.

No wonder many influential people are joining Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister

The worldwide plunge in stock markets



Gold price takes a dive as Swiss central bank seeks to sell

The fallout from the announcement on Friday that the Swiss central bank could sell 1,400 tonnes of gold yesterday drove the price of the precious metal down by \$4.8 to \$311.8 in London, its lowest level since 1985.

Ted Arnold, gold analyst at Merrill Lynch in London, said yesterday: " For the . Swiss to start selling gold is like the Pope turning Protestant." Other dealers said the

price was likely to fall well below \$300. Despite yesterday's fall, the price in London was still \$4 above Friday's close in New York. Dealers took some consolation from Not everyone is pessimistic. of Malaysia, who is questioning the fact that total selling volume was low, indicating that big investors were sitting

tight and selling was mainly from small, private investors. The Swiss central bank cannot sell any of the 1,400-tonne stockpile until voters in Switzerland have approved the decision in a referendum, which cannot be held until 1999.

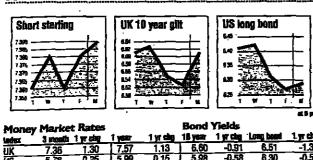
But the outlook for the precious metal looks extremely gloomy. "People say if the Swiss are going to sell eventually, why wait? France and Germany may also start selling. So people want to sell now," said Keith Goode, gold analyst at the Australian-based Bell Securities.

Many analysis fear that gold has already lost its role as a hedge against inflation and

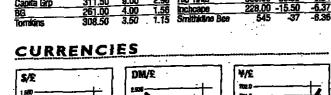
now it has failed in its traditional role as a safe alternative to shares in times of uncertainty. The collapse of share prices in Hong Kong has added to the pressure to sell gold. The price could fall to \$280 an ounce, Michael Wagner, gold analyst at brokers Brandeis Hauck, said.

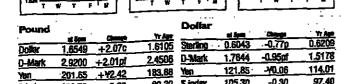
The gold slump had a dramatic effect on the Australian and South African stock markets, and especially on gold mining stocks yesterday. In London Lonrho closed 7.5p lower at 101.5p. But the Australian gold mining companies have sold more than half their current year's production and are protected against a temporary fall in the gold price.

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Guinness and GrantMet to scrap GMG Brands name

Guinness and Grand Metropolitan have decided to scrap the unimaginative "GMG Brands" as the name for their merged food and drinks conglomerate. Andrew Yates finds that the drinks companies have been forced to think again amid growing criticism of the new

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Guinness and GrandMet stunned the City in May when they announced plans for a £24bn merger which will create the biggest drinks company in the world. But while the merger delighted investors, the new name for the group, GMG Brands, met with derision from staff and City observers alike.

Now, less than six months later and amid growing pressure panies, Guinness and Grand- and Guinness are likely to have Met are set to scrap the title One industry source said:

This was a terrible name and had to be changed. To be fair, they only had a few weeks to think about it as the deal was done in a real hurry." The drinks groups appointed Wolff Olins, the advertising

and design specialist, in May to look at the corporate image and logos of the parent company and UDV, the combined drinks arm of Guinness and Grand-Met. It is now ready to act on Wolff Olins' suggestions for a

A Guinness spokesman said: We have been working with Wolff Olins on all aspects of the new company's image and identity. They have made recommendations to the principles of both Guinness and GrandMet."

The merger is due to be approved by the US Federal Trade Commission as early as this week, according to sources close from executives in both com- to the talks, although GrandMet early next year.

to give up spirits brands to get the green light from US competition authorities.

The UK drinks groups are believed to have offered to sell Dewar's, the Scotch whisky brand they have been forced to give up in Europe to get EC approval for the deal. The US authorities are believed to have worked closely with the EC in determining their own ruling and are likely to enforce the disposal of Dewar's as well as perhaps one white spirits brand.

Allied Domecq and Canadian drinks giant Seagram are understood to be planning to bid for Dewar's. Drinks companies keen to own a Scotch whisky brand such as Pernod-Ricard are also likely to express an interest. A merger document, in-

cluding the new name for GMG Brands, will be sent to shareholders. A shareholder meeting is scheduled for November and the deal should be completed by

Ofwat tells Thames Water to reduce leaks by 26 per cent

Thames Water will today be told cut its leakage levels by up to a quarter as Ofwat, the industry watchdog, introduces tough new compulsory targets. As Chris Godsmark,

Business Correspondent, explains, the demand follows controversy over the company's leakages rates, which are the highest in the industry.

When Ofwat reveals the industry's first mandatory leakage targets, Thames Water is expected to face the biggest chalenge. The regulator will set the company a target of around 790 million litres of water a day from April, a reduction of some 26 per cent on the year to last March.

Thames has faced repeated criticism from Ofwat and

around 35 per cent of all its wa- night that it could have to bring ter lost before supplies reach forward or increase the investconsumers. Though leakage has ment. "We expect Ofwat's tarbeen reduced this year, direct comparisons are impossible because a larger proportion of achieve it," he said. water is lost over the winter. The company said its current leakage rate on 19 October was 872 million litres, about 10 per cent down on last year, but added that levels were expected to

rise in the coming months. Other water groups will also face substantial cuts of between 15 and 20 per cent in today's announcement, which could force some groups to raise their investment spending. This year companies signed up to a voluntary leakage reduction scheme, setting their own targets with Ofwat, but the new Government moved to mandatory targets at its Water Summit shortly after the election.

Thames is investing an extra £200m until 2000 to bring down leakage levels, with 800 staff working on the programme, Labour for its leakage rates, with but a spokesman admitted last the capital makes matters worse.

get to be extremely demanding, but we are determined to

Thames faced a political storm this summer when it warned of possible hosepipe bans at the same time as raising its dividend 22 per cent. The company had already faced criticism from Ofwat, when it became the only one of the 10 privatised water and sewerage groups to refuse the regulator's call for smaller increases in bills this year.

The group managed to diffuse the leakage row after the unexpectedly wet June made the restrictions unnecessary. Thames has pointed to geological problems behind the disparity between its leakage rates and those of neighbouring Anglian Water. The company argues London clay expands and contracts. putting pipes under pressure, while the the weight of traffic in

Reed could make £750m from sale of IPC Magazines

Reed Elsevier yesterday confirmed months of speculation with the announcement that it was considering selling its consumer magazines division, IPC Magazines. As Cothy Newmon reports, potential buyers are already lining up and could pay more than £750m for the business.

Reed said it would hope to complete a disposal of IPC, which is the UK's market leader and publishes titles such as Loaded, Woman's Own, and Country Life, early next year. New Scientist is not included in the sale. Buyers interested in the group include magazine publishers at home and abroad. financial institutions and IPC's own management.

Reed is already thought to have received approaches from continental publishers such as Bertelsmann, Hearst, H Bauer Publishing, Hachette and Axel Springer Verlag. UK media companies likely to express an interest include United News & Media, Emap and Mirror Group, which holds 46 per cent of Newspaper Publishing, owner of The Independent.

A spokesman for Bertelsmann said IPC was "interesting". Meanwhile, Terry Mansfield, managing director of the National Magazine Company, which is owned by Hearst, said his company would take the possible acquisition "very seriously".

Financial institutions such as Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, which bought Reed's regional newspaper division in 1995, are also likely to get a look in. It is thought John Mellon, chairman of IPC, may also attempt to put together a management buyout. Excluding New Scientist, IPC reported sales of £314m in the year to the end of December. Profit before tax amounted to £63m.

The announcement comes just weeks after Reed announced a £17bn merger with Wolters Kluwer, the Dutch publishing group. City analysts said the merger made the sale of IPC inevitable.

Nigel Stapleton, co-chairman of Reed, said yesterday's news was not linked to the Wolters Kluwer deal. He added that the board had taken a decision last Friday and had appointed SBC Warburg to advise it

Mr Stapleton said the proceeds from the disposal would be used to develop and acquire within Reed's core scientific, professional and business divisions. The company has also been focusing on new media opportunities in the past year.



azines division, has already received a lot of interest from potential buyers Photograph: Rui Xavier

He denied the timing of the announcement had any connection with the recent discovery of irregularities in circulations in Reed Travel Group. Reed is to take a substantial hit from the affair as advertisers will need to be compensated.

Mr Stapleton said: "There are a lot of foreign players that would like to establish a place in this market."

masse rather than block by block. Some magazine publishers hoping to enter the bidding for IPC speculated that the group may be broken up after a sale.
Nicholas Coleridge, managing director

of Condé Nast Publications, publisher of l'ogue, said: "It would be a massive group for anyone to take on. It's more likely to

a bran tub. A lot of it is sawdust but there are some great prizes.

If IPC went to a group with a dominant position in UK consumer magazines such as Emap, it might be split up to overcome competition worries.

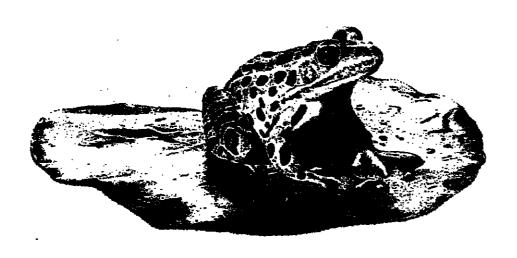
Lorna Tilbian, media analyst at Panmure Gordon, said changes to the tax

Reed is likely to sell the magazines en be broken up and sold in parts. IPC is like regime announced in the Budget made it less important to keep IPC.

She said: "Once we got an inkling that advance corporation tax was about to be abolished and after Reed merged with Wolters Kluwer, IPC's days were num-

Before the Budget. Reed needed to offset tax liabilities against UK earnings.

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United Utilities to discuss Sir Desmond's successor

Directors of United Utilities will meet today to discuss a successor to Sir Desmond Pitcher, the multi-utility group's controversial executive chairman. United has chosen a candidate to take over from Sir Desmond, who lost the confidence of many large shareholders after the surprise resignation this summer of Brian Staples, the former chief executive. The company is expected to downgrade the post to a nou-executive director's role and to approve a leaving date for Sir Desmond, with a formal announcement due in a couple of weeks. One institutional investor said he should leave by the end of this year. Separately yesterday, United said it would contest vigorously a legal action launched last week by Mr Staples, who is claiming damages from the group which could total more than £1m. United is disputing the scale of the claim.

Cut-price off-licence chain

Parisa, the third largest off-licence chain in the UK, is planning to take on the supermarket chains by launching a chain of cut-price drinks shops called Booze Busters. The group has opened 13 Booze Busters and plans to convert at least 50 of its shops to the new format over the next few months. The shops offer savings of £1.50 on a bottle of whisky and gin and 28p off a can of lager compared with supermarket prices. Since it started Booze Busters it has been contacted by hundreds of independent off-licence owners keen to convert their own shops. Parisa was formed in August by the £56m management buy-out of Greenalls off-licence division.

Dutch swoop on fraud ring

Dutch fraud investigators will seek to install a caretaker management at Leemhuis & Van Loon, a broker whose director and co-owner has been arrested under suspicion of taking part in a world-wide criminal ring of insider dealers and forgers. Han Vermeulen, a former board member of the Amsterdam stock exchange, has been arrested along with two other emplayees, while a fourth is being sought. Investigators also raided the Dutch arm of James Capel, the investment house owned by HSBC, and two Dutch brokerages. Gestion NV and NIB Securities. Mr Vermeulen was sacked for mismanagement by James Capel in 1993. The Serious Fraud Office has raided an unnamed London business address. According to HSBC, Dutch investigators wanted files of client accounts relating to a former managing director of its Dutch wing. HSBC said all such accounts had been closed when the director left in 1993 and it had reported the matter to the Dutch public prosecutor.

BG's buy-back approved

Shareholders in BG, the former British Gas, yesterday gave the go-ahead to the group's £1.3bn share buy-back plan. Investors speaking for just over half the company's share capital voted at the extraordinary meeting, with 236 shareholders voting in person at Birmingham. The company said more than 99 per cent of shareholders by value had supported the buyback, which took the form of a complex capital restructuring. Small investors have until Friday to return their forms to take advantage of a free share-dealing service offered by BG.

ScottishPower disposal

ScottishPower has sold Southern Water's Topmark vehicleleasing business to the Smith Self Drive Group for £42m, the latest sale of the water group's non-regulated operations following last year's takeover.

	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
Archer Dedicated (1)	- (-)	-0.05m (0 15m)	-2.71p (1.14p)	매 (-)
Amvescap (H)	370m (173m)	125m (48.5m)	16 Sp (13.2p)	- (-)
Campbell & Amasirong (1)	12 4m (13.0m)	-0 88m (-1.69m)	-0.8p (-11.7p)	nd (nif)
Else Holdings (F)	29.2m (25.6m)	-1.32m (-0.67m)	-3.8p (-2.2p)	nii (-)
Old English Pub (I)	16.7m (6.77m)	2.28m (0.811m)	8.20p (3.73p)	1.2p (0.8p)
Szletand (I)	32_1m (16.5m)	2.29m (1.31m)	4.57p (3.25p)	1 Op (Z 13p
Sanctuary Music (I)	1.8m (0.69m)	0.003m (-0.16m)	<u>- (-)</u>	- (-)
Silk ladustries (l)	8.49m (7.56m)	1.12m (1.03m)	8.8p (5.8p)	20 (2p)
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Intel buys computer chip business from Digital

300m

Intel yesterday increased its stranglehold over the computer chip market by buying the chip business of US rival Digital Equipment and slashing the world-wide price of its Pentium processor by an average of 20 per cent. Andrew Yates reports.

Intel said that it wanted to cut prices of its Pentium processors in an aggressive bid to increase its market share and raise production at its computer chip plants.

Ronald Whittier, Intel's senior vice-president said: "Our traditional business strategy is to pass on the advances in computing to consumers. And inherent in that is, for a given processor, continued price reductions. We will aggressively market those [processors], including pricing, to make sure that we are establishing those machines in the marketplace."

Separately, Intel is buying Digital Equipment's Alpha computer chip manufacturing operations for \$700m (£423m). This is part of a deal to end the legal battle that began when Digital accused Intel of stealing technology.

The deal will strengthen Intel's leading position in the computer industry and allow the group to expand rapidly into the business market.

Digital, based in Massachusetts, sued Intel for patent infringement in May. It accused the chip maker of unlawfully using Digital technology in developing its industry-dominating Pentium processors, introduced four years earlier. • Intel's chips are found in 85 per cent of personal computers.

Digital's Alpha chips have struggled to compete with Pentium processors since being introduced five years ago.

Digital will concentrate on manufacturing computers. It is the fourth-biggest computer supplier in the US. Intel and Digital also said they would work together to develop new computer chips. The companies will enter a 10-year crosslicensing agreement, which includes Intel obtaining the rights to manufacture and sell Digital's other computer chip products.

Intel's move will be another blow to the computer chip industry, which has had to cope with a plunge in prices over the past few years. Intel said the deal would provide it with an additional revenue stream, but it would not provide any estimates on what kind of financial benefits it expected.

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Alarming times for the world economy The triggers for stock market crashes are these to make Apocalyptic predictions, The knee jerk reaction, both in finan-

never predictable and the current crisis is no exception. Who would have thought during the orderly handover of power in Hong Kong this summer that a run on the former colony's currency would precipitate the end of the greatest ever bull run on Wall Street and burst speculative bubbles around the world from Mexico to Brazil? OUTLOOK ON THE SHAKE-OUT

At first it was just another day, another collapse in Hong Kong, with yesterday's 6 per cent fall all but wiping out Friday's bounce and the Hang Seng still looking into the abyss. Analysts started talking blithely about the index falling to 7,000 but who cared, with London and Wall Street holding up so well?

During the last hour of trading in London, however, things started to look a lot shakier as other emerging markets, particularly those of South America, started to follow Hong Kong into free fall. The contagion spread like wild fire. We may not have experienced the blind panic of 1987, but a worldwide shake-out is plainly under way, the repercussions of which are as vet unclear.

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority's gallant attempt to save the peg with the US dollar has suddenly become a seeming irrelevance in the face of collapsing confidence in the world's biggest stock market and many of its smallest. It is not just the Dow which has scaled new heights this year - many emerging markets have enjoyed even more spectacular gains. When the tide turns, they get hit the hardest.

It is all too easy in circumstances like

many of which are likely to turn out as so much hogwash. Even so there are clear and very great dangers in the present situation. This is not just about a lot of wealthy investors losing money at the easino table of the world's financial markets. If other emerging markets, notably Eastern Europe and Latin America follow the Far East into near recessionary conditions, then what looked to be a containable and limited effect on the world economy when it was confined to the Pacific Rim begins to look very serious indeed.

Worse, the effect of a collapse in investment confidence in the US, would have quite catastrophic consequences. In extreme circumstances, depending on quite how recklessly investors and institutions have borrowed to feed the bubble of Wall Street and the emerging markets, it could by destroying consumer confidence in the world's largest economy lead to worldwide recession, Alarmist stuff, perhaps, but these are alarming times.

Wait and see was the only option

Was this just another piece of fancy footwork from the Chancellor, another fudge. another eloquently phrased obfuscation? Or has the the Government, as it claims, given as clear and unambiguous a statement of its position on the single currency as is possible given the shifting nature of international politics and economics? cial markets and among opposition MPs was that he has eleverly (or not so eleverly depending on your politics) ducked the issue once more. This is a perfectly reasonable reading of what he said, given that the Chancellor both ruled out any decision on EMU in the lifetime of this parliament and gave no firm commitment to enter thereafter. Unlike the Opposition, he has not said never, but nor has there been a definitive answer by way of a specific date. Mr Brown is back with the Ken Clarke wait and see position, it can reasonably be ar-

Moreover, this reading of the position is largely backed by the Treasury assessment of whether it would be right to join in the first wave, published yesterday. The document rehearses the economic case against immediate entry perfectly well (the fact that the UK economy is out of sync with Germany and therefore requires different short term interest rates), but it fails to put any flesh on the bone by examining the cost to jobs, if any, or what other long term consequences there might be. The assessment itself is an inadequate fudge, so what could anyone have expected from the policy?

However, that's only the half of it. The other half of Gordon Brown's statement gives plenty for the financial markets and business to get their teeth into. The Chancellor has juggled the politics and economies of what he rightly calls the most difficult issue of our generation, and comes up with a remarkably sensible policy. The Government has said it approves of the principle of monetary union, something the previous lot never did, has no constitutional objection to it and believes it will ultimately be good for jobs

and the economy.

Most important of all, however, the Chancellor has told business and the City to prepare for entry soon after the start date. Meanwhile monetary and fiscal policy is going to be run as if we were already a part of the single currency. The inflation target will mirror that of the European Central Bank and the Government will behave with the public finances as if it were abiding by the rules of the stabil-

If the reaction of markets yesterday afternoon seemed to be unfavourable, that is only because they had been whipped into a state of unwarranted anticipation by the over enthusiasm of the Financial Times. It is always possible that the Government did intend to say it would join monetary union soon after the start date in 1999, as the FT reported, but since then has been persuaded to change its mind. Unfortunately, there are no prizes for being wrongly briefed. The effect of the story was to confuse the markets and make them believe in a much swifter glide path than ever seemed likely or safe. What Gordon Brown has come up with is a policy which should ensure continued convergence of interest rates and the economy with the rest of Europe but continues to give us our let out if the great project doesn't work. Other than saying never, or yes 1999, both of which would be silly, it's hard to see how the Chancellor could have come up with a better policy.

Rolls was never right for Vickers

Even when it was first mooted in 1980, the merger of Vickers with Rolls-Royce looked an odd thing to be doing. It was never clear what marketing a brand like Rolls-Royce to the world's rich had to do with selling armoured vehicles and tanks to the Ministry of Defence. The Crewe works became a permanent drain on resources, yet for years Vickers executives refused to consider a sale. In large part this was because Sir David Plastow, who had his roots in the Rolls-Royce part of the group, was determined to keep RR British. It was a question of national pride. In those days it was still possible to get away with such sentimentality.

Then, just as the momentum moved towards a sale, attempts to offload the company were brought to a crushing halt in the recession, when sales slumped by almost 70 per cent. Rolls-Royce's archaic model range, dating back to the Silver Shadow of the 1960s, needed replacing badly. The drain on Vickers investment budget, by no means a bottomiess pit at the best of times, became intense. Now Rolls-Royce is off to a better and richer home. By waiting this long, Vickers has probably secured a better price. Where this leaves the rest of Vickers is anyone's guess. Perhaps it too needs a richer and better home.

Rolls-Royce sale could give Vickers a £500m war chest

BMW emerged yesterday as the strongest contender to buy Rolls-Rayce, the luxury car company put up for sale by its parent, Vickers, as at least one contender, Ford, pulled... its hat from the ring.

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OF ROLLS-ROYCE

Chris Godsmark, Business Correspondent, reports on a move which could deliver Vickers a £500m war chest.

Vickers ended months of speculation by confirming that Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, the prestigious Crewe-based manufacturer, was on the market. Analysts predicted the sale could raise £400m to £500m for Vickers, around three times Rolls-Royce's asset value, given the huge premiums overseas car companies are prepared to pay for luxury car brands.

Sir Colin Chandler, Vickers' chairman, defended the move. insisting the company could not continue funding Rolls-Royce's new model programme. "Our strategic review showed us that while we've invested a lot of money in Rolls-Royce, it would go on demanding investment from us ... The old days of the quaint British company weren't right. We just couldn't afford the investment."

The first all-new Rolls-Royce car for 30 years is expected to emerge next spring, though the company has not given a launch date, the result of a £200m investment programme. It will be powered by BMW 12 cylinder engines, fuelling speculation that the German luxury car giant was seeking to take over Rolis-Royce.

Vickers sources said three foreign car makers. BMW, Daimler-Benz and Ford, had registered interest in the sale. But last night Ford and Daimler-Benz appeared to rule themselves out, leaving BMW as the leading contender. Ferrari, the Italian super-car maker owned by Fiat, also denied any interest.

A Ford spokesman said: "We can confirm that we are not interested in buying Rolls-Royce. That is definitive." Daimler-Benz also distanced itself from the sale, saving it intended to concentrate on its own move into Rolls-Royce's territory, revealed last week, with the revival of the pre-war Maybach marque. However, sources insisted the German group was keeping a close eye on the process and had not broken off contact with Vickers.

The announcement took analysts by surprise. Just over a month ago Sir Colin had emphatically denied that the group was about to part with Rolls-Royce, as Vickers unveiled plans to offload of its troubled medical products division. One analyst said: "There is something odd here. They are selling the company at a time when investment is high and profits are low. It must mean they are looking to do something else with the cash."

One theory was that the group could use the funds to enlarge its Defence Systems division, which makes Challenger tanks. Analysts said Vickers could offer to buy GKN's armoured-vehicle business. Both companies are in competing consortia bidding for two UK government armoured-vehicle contracts in the next century.

Shares in Vickers gained 13p to 232.5p on speculation the company could return cash to investors, though Sir Colin said no decisions had been taken.

Another possibility is that Sir Colin will progressively sell off Vickers' remaining businesses: defence, propulsion technology and the Cosworth automotive engine maker.

Tamaris near deal to manage nursing homes in Singapore

Tamaris, the UK's fourthlargest nursing home group, is to run nursing homes in Singapore - the first time a UK operator has expanded overseas.

The deal, which could be announced this week, is with a large Far Eastern healthcare group which will take a stake of up to 20 per cent in Tamaris.

Tamaris will initially manage some 100 beds for the group, believed to be Singaporean. Singapore has an acute shortage of care facilities for the elderly and has no local companies experienced in running nursing homes. Observers estimate that the

growing number of elderly in Singapore means the country will need more than 2,000 nursing home beds in the next few years. Tamaris is experienced in managing nursing homes which belong to other companies.

Though it is can italised at only £19m, Tamaris is one of the largest and fastest-growing operators in the UK. It does not own the nursing homes it runs, but leases its homes from specialist property groups, vastly reducing the capital it needs to grow and raising returns on

Construction work crowds the London skyline as the commercial property market booms once again



The new Citibank building rises in the midst of the Canary Wharf development in London's Docklands. The US bank's new home is sited next to the Canary Wharf station on the Jubilee line extension, the two projects creating one of the largest building sites in the capital. Festooned with cranes again, the London property market is booming with new construction

flourishing on the back of fast-rising commercial rents. Last month, according to Richard Ellis's monthly index, office rents rose 2.8 per cent. Despite different employment patterns from the late 1980s boom, demand for well-located, well-designed buildings has exceeded all expectations and the total return from property in the year to September (rents and capital

growth) was more than 13 per cent. Property analysts predict continuing strong growth from the sector if gilt yields fall further and inflation remains subdued. A per cent fail in gilt yields could lead to the asset value of a property company with average borrowings rising by 20 per cent, one analyst forecast.

Photograph: Brian Hamis

Liberty chairman loses institutional support

Denis Cassidy's position as chairman of Liberty weakened further yesterday when some of the institutional investors said they would not support him in a battle with the family

Nigel Cope, City Correspondent, reports that one of the origins of Mr Cassidy's dispute with the family was his refusal to close the store for the whole day of the funeral of Diana.

Princess of Wales.

shareholders.

One investor said that, given the company's poor recent record and the powerful opposition of abeth Stewart-Liberty, the on a whim." a spokesman said.

both the Stewart-Liberty family, which owns 27 per cent of the company, and Bryan Myerson, who owns 17 per cent, Mr Cassidy would probably have to go. "Given the record, we will not defend him," one said.

The Stewart-Liberty family launched its move to oust Mr Cassidy as chairman on Friday in concert with Mr Myerson. The board will meet to discuss the issue later this week. Insiders expect Mr Mverson and Odile Griffith. the family's financial adviser, to put themselves forward as joint nonexecutive chairmen.

It emerged yesterday that one of the causes of the rift between him and the family was bow the store should mourn the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. It is understood that following the Princess' death Eliz-

matriarch of the family, contacted Mr Cassidy. She said her view was that the store should close for the whole day. She also suggested that the store open a book of condolence for the Princess as it had on the death . of Winston Churchill.

Mr Cassidy decided against the advice of Mrs Stewart-Liberty, whose late husband. Arthur, was chairman for 29 years. He closed the 120-yearold store for the morning of the funeral, in line with most other retailers, and chose to devote a display window to a Diana tribute rather than open a book of condolence. However, family represen-

tatives dismissed suggestions Asda is cutting 25 per cent off yesterday that this disagreement the price of 10 different chilwas the cause of the rift that has dren's healthcare lines includmoved them to oust Mr Casing Savion antiseptic cream. sidy. "This is a major decision Vick's Vapour rub and Woodfor them and they would not act wards gripe water from today. It said it was launching its

medicines in attack on price-fixing attack to highlight the hidden

Asda continued its attack on retail price maintenance yesterday with a new price-cutting campaign on children's medicines. It came on the same day as small electrical retailers launched a campaign in favour of recommended retail prices, saying their abolition could force smaller stores out of business. Nigel Cope reports.

cost of price-fixing on families. Asda's chief executive, Allan Leighton, said: "We want fam-

Asda cuts costs of children's

ilies to know that from the day their children are born, they are victims of unfair price-fixing. People are paying more than they should to look after their children's health." The price of Savion will be cut from £2.29 to £1.69 while a bottle of TCP will be £1.35 instead of £1.85.

Asila's latest attack comes exactly a year after the Office of Fair Trading said it was referring the price-fixing issue to the Restrictive Practices Court.

The attack came as the Radio, Electrical and Television Retailers' Association (Retra) wrote to the Department of Trade and Industry challenging the recommendation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that recommended resale prices should be banned for electrical goods. Its submission to the DTI said the proposals would be "unfair and extremely damaging to small businesses". It added that the ban was "likely to reduce rather than

promote competition". Retra represents over 1,600 electrical retailers which operate around 4,000 shops. Retra's chief executive, Fred Round, said the abolition of recommended retail prices would mean smaller operators would lose trade to larger rivals such

as Dixons and Comet. He said gross margins in the electrical sector were among the lowest in all retailing, indicating that excessive profits were not

being made. The MMC said in May that recommended retail prices should be banned on a wide range of electrical items including televisions, video recorders, hi-fis and washing machines.

Footsie hits two-month low after being battered from all sides

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Another walloping for shares. . The retrent was not con-ducers, were particularly hard week. BG was one of the few 4,840.7, lowest for two months.

there was no panic selling. But 17.5p to 2,362.9. the stock market has become a nervous, tense place with many operators looking anxiously over their shoulders.

driven trading, on which Footsie calculations are would benefit as the new trading system highlighted the advance. So far it has only encouraged the hears.

lost 69.1 to 4,767.6 and the was the prime factor. Trading was not heavy and FISE Small Cap index gave up

from the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, merely piled on the agony, with Footsie falling The volatility of order- further during his Commons speech. New York fretted about a speech the US bankbased, is clearly exaggerating ing chief, Alan Greenspan, is ker Killik believes the shares price movements. The new due to make tomorrow. The are a long-term buy. Standard order has mainly encoun- Federal Reserve chairman is Chartered gave up 33p to tered timid, retreating mar-kets. It must be assumed that the recent high-octane per-ther 15.5p to 228p; the aswhen shares are in rampant formance of shares and may be sortment of investment trusts form, any upward charge tempted to seek a further re- with Tiger links remained treat in his bid to take the heat weak. out of equities.

well as drugs and food pro- sentations to analysts next

More turmoil in the Far East, fined to blue chips. Second and hit although most sectors were sharp falls in other overseas third liners were under the ravaged. Resources suffered markets and a weak New York whip as prices were marked the sharpest decline with Rioleft Footsie deep in the dol- down in anticipation of selling Tinto off 56p to 800p; a gold drums, off 129.5 points at pressure. The FTSE 250 index price at its lowest for 12 years

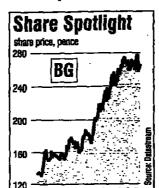
> Lonrho, another casualty, tumbled 7.5p to 101.5p, worst The latest EMU offering for four years. Billiton was toppled 10p to 176p against a 220p July flotation.

Groups with Far East connections remained top of the hit list. HSBC fell a further 62p to 1,550p, although stockbro-

Rank, the leisure group, fell Banks and insurances, as 6p to 331.5p; it is making pre-

blue chips to sparkle, gaining er, has a major acquisition in tions. 4p to 261p as shareholders its sights lowered the shares backed its share buy-back.

Rexam, the packaging group, was busily traded with talk of a major shareholder unloading, or at least cutting, its stake. The shares fell 13.5p to 309.5p. Biggest shareholder is Mercury Asset Management with 13.3 per cent.



music sales.

Royce cars lifted the shares move into Argentina. Bala 13p to 232.5p and Chime Resources was unchanged at Communications hardened 1.75p as the Dublin authorities 5.75p to 54.5p on its bid to buy, probed the ownership of share with a little help from WPP, a blocks.

trendy advertising agency.

Flying Flowers, meeting analysts today in Jersey, strengthened 1.25p to 9p as Stuart Wallis, former Fisons chief, became chairman of

the UK Active Fund vehicle. Julian Tregar and Brian Myerson, whose UKAF has been the scourge of some un-

Fears that Bass, the brew- Mansfield through acquisi-

Orb Estates stuck at 53.5p 41.5p to 7/5p; EMI, off 29p to as Swede Peter Gyllerhammar 536p, was hit by signs of low lifted his stake to 6.94 per cent

Emerald Energy held at Vickers' plan to sell Rolls- 5.25p; it duly confirmed its

Brent International, the chemical group, hardened to 116p. Sutherlands, the stockbroker, remain bullish. The firmed to 496.5p and timber broker, remain bullish. The group John Mansfield company has commenced trials of a range of chrome-free treatments with environmental and energy saving benefits. It has also signed a £2m fouryear inks deal with Wyndeham

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TAKING STOCK

Pressure is thought to be building at United Energy, a US oil tiddler, for a restructuring. Some shareholders are threatening to call an ex-· traordinary shareholders' meeting if the company does not hive off its revolutionary development, producing electricity from chicken litter. UE has 70 per ceut of the project. The rebels suggest the electricity business could be worth 30p a share. UE rose 1.5p to 18p.

Savoy Asset Management. with £300m under management, is expected to join AIM next month. It has been created by merging four financial companies, including Stockport-based stockbroker Tutton & Saunders and Guildball Investment Management. Stockbroker Teather & Greenwood is placing shares at 95p, pricing the group at £4.5m.

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Glaxo adjusts to life after Zantac

Will the decline of ulcer drug Zantac give Glaxo Wellcome a bellyache or just a mild touch of heartburn? It should come as no surprise to anyone that sales of Zantac, once the world's biggest-selfing drug, are falling off a cliff.

Since Zantac's patent expired in the key US market in July, six companies manufacturing generic versions of Zantac have steamed in, cutting prices by as much as 85 per cent.

US drug sales data for September show that new prescriptions for Zantac are down by 64 per cent.

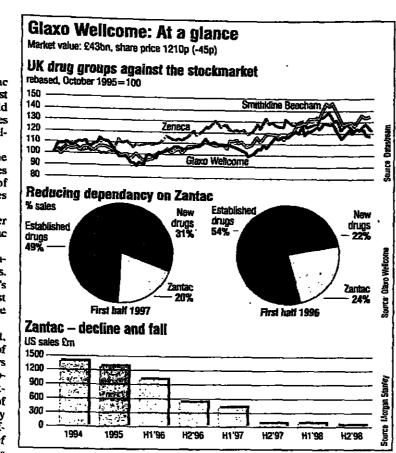
Sounds disastrous? Not for those familiar with the world of lost patents. When Captopril, Bristol Myers Squibb's heart drug, went generic in the US last year, it lost 80 per cent of its volume sales in three weeks.

Glaxo has warned that, at worst, Zantac could lose 80 to 90 per cent of its US sales. The question was always not whether, but how quickly that happened. Optimists hoped that patent litigation threats over different forms of Zantac would deter the generics. They hoped that Glaxo might sell its own offpatent version or that Pylorid, son of Zantac, would do well. None of this has materialised and Glaxo is letting prescription Zantac slide.

Instead the group is focusing its sales and marketing energies on new products such as Serevent for asthma, Epivir for HIV, Zyban, an anti-smoking pill, and over-the-counter Zantac. The strategy is working. Strip out Zantac and Glaxo's sales growth is a healthy 14 per trouble. Such is the experience of cent. At the half year, new product sales grew at an impressive 50 per cent to Street retailer where the Stewartnearly one-third of the group. Though Zantac's fall means earnings will be flat- but has no boardroom representation. tish this year and next, 1999 should see a return to double-digit growth.

Glaxo's earnings then should be growing at around 15 per cent a year, streamlining the group. He sold off similar to SmithKline and Zeneca. But smaller satellite stores, cut costs and unlike these two, Glaxo post 1999 will be a pure drug play, facing no patent. This followed earlier modernisation of expiries. Given that, Glaxo deserves a the group which, until a few years ago, rating closer to US counterparts such had no non-executive directors and an as Pfizer and Eli Lilly. These are on 19 old-fashioned two-tier voting structure times enterprise value to EBITDA compared to Glaxo's 15 times.

Zantac, good value.



Revamp fails to lift Liberty

Chairing a family business without being one of the family is asking for Denis Cassidy at Liberty, the Regent Liberty family holds a substantial stake

Brought into revitalise the traditional store two and half years ago, Mr Cassidy made good early progress gave the flagship store a £40m facelift.

But all this revamping has done little for Liberty shares. They have slid For those with faith in life after from a 442p five-year high last autumn to barely more than 300p last week. The

shares have underperformed the market by a thumping 40 per cent in the last five years and by more than 20 per cent during Mr Cassidy's tenure.

Interim results posted last month showed Liberty moving £137,000 into the red with profits eroded by a fall in spending by Japanese tourists deterred surprise that the family has grown Myerson, who owns 17 per cent of the group, also favours change.

The family - which has 27 per cent - supports the board's strategy of conit is thought they are considering a sale and leasehack of the valuable store site

For Liberty's battle-weary shareholders this is no time to give up. The joined the main market in April. Angroup's shares have already perked up alysts forecast full-year profits of £4.2m, since the Liberty family announced plans for a boardroom shake-up. The shares rose another 22.5p to 327.5p yes-p/e ratio of 15. Good value.

terday. If the family get their way, the new chairman will be under pressure to improve shareholder value. And if Mr Cassidy somehow hangs on he will have to do the same. Sit tight.

Old English Pub's success story

Most shares in the pub sector have been suffering from a terrible hangover in the past few months. Profit warnings from Greenalls and Wolverhampton & Dudley, in particular, have given investors the shakes.

Not so, the Old English Pub Company. This fast-growing group shrugged off the wet summer, which dampened beer sales, to produce another great set of results. Pre-tax profits leapt to £2.3m (£811,000) in the

six months to September. The group has achieved its success by developing a portfolio of coaching inns, small hotels and pubs with restaurants attached. The formula is simple. Old English Pub cherry-picks new sites from the plethora of independent premises up for sale. By avoiding city centres and large towns it can usually buy new pubs and hotels at reasonable prices. Then it applies tried and tested management techniques and tightens up financial controls to improve profits.

Add the fact that business is booming, helped by the rapid growth in eating out and the upturn in the hotel industry, and it is easy to see why the group has been such a success story.

Of course, no company can keep growing at this sort of rate for long. And by the weak yen. Given all this, it is no gearing is now 116 per cent which means it will probably have to issue restless and that rebel investor Bryan more equity to fund its spending spree. However, given the group's hotel oc-

cupancy is just 58 per cent, there should be growth to come. There is no shortage of coach inns and hotels for sale. centrating on the Regent Street store And as Old English Pub tends to serve together with the airport outlets. But older, more affluent customers, it is less vulnerable to an economic slowdown.

The group's shares have soured from and possibly a sale of their entire stake. 50p on the AIM market over the past few years and risen from 205p since it putting the shares, which rose another 7p to 262.5p yesterday, on a prospective

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Turnaround expert Stuart Wallis has been out of the media spotlight recently, following his very public parting of ways with the Fisons pharmaceutical company in 1995. But he certainly hasn't been twiddling his thumbs. "I have been approached over the past two years by a number of larger UK institutions to get involved in a variety of public companies," he said vesterday. Of the offers he has received, Mr Wallis has accepted just a few, including timber products company John Mansfield Group's (JMG) invitation to become chairman, announced yesterday. Mr Wallis is also involved in several private companies and is non-executive chairman of both Scholl and the Yorkshire Group.

Mr Wallis is known for, in his own words, "sorting businesses out and making changes in them". He has been responsible for bringing numerous companies back from the brink, including Octopus Publishing (prior to its sale to Reed), the Bowater packaging group and Fisons. In the process, Mr Wallis has netted himself some sizeable bonuses. After French-controlled Rhone-Poulenc bought Fisons, it gave Mr Wallis, then Fisons' chief executive, a £2.5m pay-off.

Mr Wallis' agenda at JMG is more of the same. He sees himself as a "hands-on" chairman and wants to use JMG as a vehicle for "acquiring much larger businesses", some, if not all, of which will have need of his famous corporate recovery skills. Though Mr Wallis officially starts at IMG on 1 November, his first full day in the office is aptly scheduled for fireworks night on 5 November.

Simon Burgess, head of Goodfellow Rebecca Ingrams Pearson (Grip), the London-based underwriting agency, was once quoted as saying he "parted the feeble-minded from their money". Presumably he was referring to the holders of his more off-the-wall policies, which provide financial protection for alien abductees and modern day Virgin Marys, rather than prospective purchasers of his new "safe" range of products, to be launched today. Mr Burgess's latest insurance product provides "one-stop shop" protection in the event of unemployment, and covers outgoings ranging from golf club membership to council tax. Rather staid, coming from the man who insures prostitutes against backaches and headaches.

Let's hope purchasers of Mr Burgess's latest policy have a little more luck with their claims than holders of what Mr Burgess characterises as his "more unusual" products. There has never been a successful claim against Mr Burgess's "alien abduction" policy, for example, which requires would-be claimants to provide "independent third-party testimony, photographic or video evidence" of their plight. At least his latest policyholders only have to prove "involuntary unemployment".

Who says news editors are the only ones to smile at the upheaval in the financial markets? Thanks to a charity day organised by Tradition Financial Services (TFS), an over-the-counter derivative brokers, it looks like Save the Children and the NSPCC are set to benefit too, Sam Saffadi, managing director of TFS, has agreed to donate all money earned by his currency options department this Thursday to the two charities.

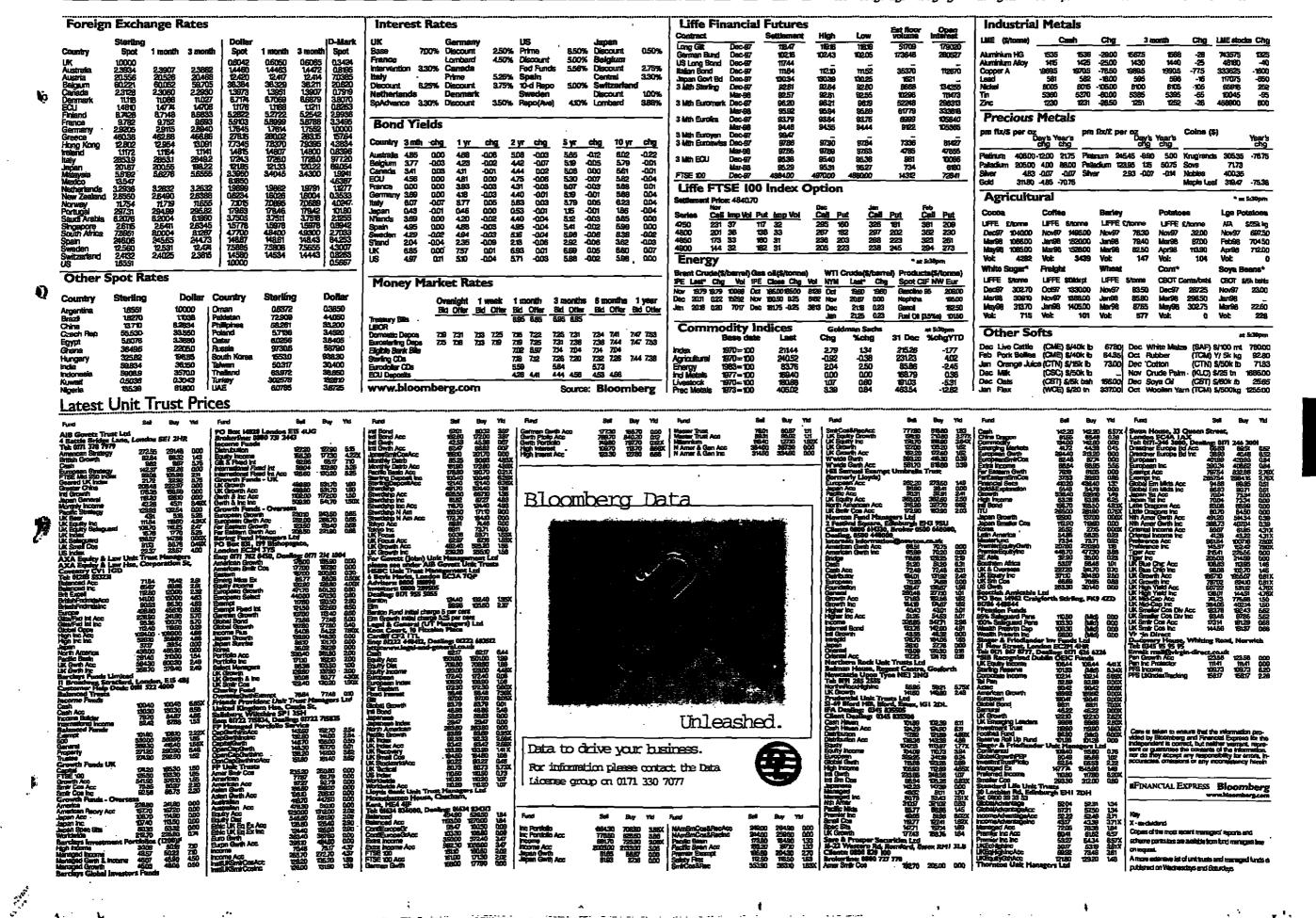
"Generally speaking, volatility is good for business," said Mr Saffadi yesterday, adding that, given recent fluctuations in the foreign exchange markets, "the currency options department has been very active and is doing well".

I guess that officials at the NSPCC and Save the Children have their fingers crossed that Thursday proves to be yet another turbulent day in the City.

Sir Tim Bell's public relations group, Chime Communications, has at long last confirmed it is in merger talks with Howell Heary Chaldecott Lury, the flamboyant advertising agency run by Rupert Howell. Chime is owner of, among others, Lowe Bell and Lowe Bell Financial. Sir Tim is likely to make a full-blown announcement of the deal, which would almost double Chime's size, along with its interim results later this week. The price tag for Howell Henry, described as a Saatchi & Saatchi for the Nineties and known for its wild and wacky Tango and Pot Noodle campaigns, could be as much as £20m.

But there's an intriguing twist to the tale. Chime said yesterday it was looking for a "trade investor" to take a minority stake in the newly merged group. The name in the frame is Martin Sorrell's WPP Group, the marketing services network. And the link? Both Sir Tim Bell and Martin Sorrell worked at Saatchi & Saatchi together. Sources tell me WPP could end up buying more than 20 per cent of the merged group.

WPP has been snapping up shares in a rival media-buying minnow, CIA Group. Mr Sorrell could be forgiven for feeling flush at the moment, though. Today he is to collect a share borus worth more than £3.3m, taking his income under WPP's incentive scheme to £19m. The bonus was triggered after the shares remained above a target level of 265p for 60 consecutive working days. And there's probably more to come. If the shares reach and stay above 304p for 60 days, Mr Sorrell will earn his fourth and final bonus, boosting his earnings from the scheme to £25m. WPP aficionados are keen to point out that Mr Sorrell's profit did not come without pain: he parted with £2m when the scheme started.





Edgar Renteria of the Florida Marlins hits a single off Cleveland's Charles Nagy to give his team a 3-2 win and the Series in overtime on Sunday, before being mobbed by his team-mates

third game last Tuesday. Be-

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The greatest ignominy.

baseball on display.

Marlins conquer the world, but not all of America

The Florida Marlins have made history by becoming the first wild card team to win the World Series, just five years after entering the major leagues. But, says Rupert Cornwell, while the last of the seven games was a classic and a great new pitcher may have been unearthed in Livan Hernandez, the Marlins' victory over Cleveland Indians was not the sport's finest moment.

most of the season, the Marlins did it the hard way. Buoyant from a convincing 4-1 win the previous evening, Cleveland seemed to have baseball's supreme prize within their grasp in the seventh and deciding game, when they led 2-I going into the bottom of the ninth with their ace closer Jose Mesa on the mound. But it was

The Marlins eked out two singles before Craig Counsell produced a sacrifice fly to level the scores, and for just the fourth time in a a century the deciding game of the Series went into extra innings. At that

In the end, as they have for point, the National League champions were not about to disappoint an ecstatic 67,000 in Miami's Pro-Player stadium and millions more believers in south Florida and beyond.

Through the 10th, deadlock persisted. Then, in the bottom of an electrifying 11th innings, the Marlins' old warhorse Bobby Bonilla singled, and then advanced to second on a misplay by the Indians infielder Tony Fernandez.

With the bases loaded and just one out remaining, Edgar Renteria hit a soft single up the centre to score the winning run. Miami had its first major professional sports title in a quar-

Beach to Little Havana, from Palm Beach to Key West, a city and half a state went berserk.

Nowhere though was rejoicing greater than in the real Havana, 200 miles south across the Florida straits. Every Series has its fairy tale. This one belonged to Livan Hernandez, a 22-year-old Cuban defector who twice outpitched Cleveland's redoubtable Orel Hershiser to give the Marlins a lead in the Series they would never lose. And not only that: his mother was watching too.

In a gesture that might prove Fidel Castro's craftiest ploy, the Cuban dictator allowed Miriam

ter of a century, and from South Carreras a visa to travel from Ha- have added, he had just been strewn 14-11 Marlins' win in the vana to watch Sunday's game voted Most Valuable Player in from the private box of Wayne Huizenga, the Marlins' owner (who a few months ago was threatening to sell the team, so

> \$90m (£57m) he had invested in new players). A year ago, Hernandez was fat, out of form and miserable. "I was eating too much, I had no friends, I didn't know anyone in Miami," he said. Sunday, however, was an apotheosis: This is the happiest day of my

life. My mother's here and

we're champions - the victory

I give to her." And, he might

disappointed was he at the Mar-

lin's then failure to deliver on the

the Series, only the second rookie to be so honoured. But one unforgettable game

does not a season, or a World Series, make. Not by a stretch are Florida and Cleveland baseball's best teams. Any permutation of two from Atlanta, Baltimore, Seattle or Los Angeles would have have surely offered a better spectacle these last 10 days.

Play-off baseball should be a taut, low-scoring affair. This time, the teams combined for 81 runs, one short of the alltime record. Twenty five alone came in that horrific, errorAMERICAN FOOTBALL

Elam on time as Broncos fight off Bills

Denver Broncos survived a furious fourth-quarter comeback in Buffalo to win their seventh game of the season 23-20 over the Bills in overtime.

Denver, whose journey to Buffalo had been in doubt because of blizzard conditions in the mountains, blew a 20-point lead in the final regulation period before Jason Elam's gamewinning field goal in extra time.

His 33-yard kick allowed Denver to maintain their onegame lead in AFC West over Kansas City Chiefs, who stayed close behind with a 28-20 victory over St Louis. Pete Stoyanovich hit four field goals for Kansas City.

Seattle Seahawks continue to impress after a terrible start to the season, beating Oakland Raiders 45-34, with Warren Moon registering five touchdown strikes.

A key meeting in AFC Central saw Pittsburgh Steelers fight back from a 10-0 half-time deficit to win 23-17 over Jacksonville Jaguars in overtime. giving them sole possession of first place in the division.

Jerome Bettis went from villain to hero for Steelers after fumbling the ball his 16-vard line to put Jaguars in the lead. But after Norm Johnson's equalising 19-yard field goal late in normal time, Bettis caught a shovel pass from quarterback Kordell Stewart and ran 17 yards for the winning touchdown in overtime and Steelers fifth consecutive victory.

One of the surprise teams of the season, New York Giants, came back from a 21-10 halftime deficit to beat Cincinnati Bengals 29-27. New York now enter a free week with a twogame lead in NFC East.

Results and tables, Sporting Digest, page 31



Today we publish the latest results of The Independent Fantasy Football League. The player scores are for all games played up to October 26th, while the league table includes all scores up to October 19th. The overall winner at the end of the season will receive a trip to the World Cup finals in

Every time one of your players score you get four points. There are four points for a keeper or a defender every time their team keeps a clean sheet. If a player scores the winning goal, i.e.: if there is a one goal difference in the scoreline, the player scoring the final goal for the winning team is awarded 1 bonus point ed 3 points if their real-life team wins, 1 point is awarded if they awarded in addition to standard goal related points. Each successful Assist, a pass judged by our experts to lead directly to a goal, will give a player 3 points. The opinion of our experts every Tuesday in The Independent and repeated the following on the matter is final. Each player selected and starting a game Sunday in the Independent on Sunday. will be awarded one point.

If a player is given a Yellow Card they lose 1 point, if a player is given a Red Card they lose 3 points. Own goals, either scored or conceded, do not count.

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Updated player scores and league tables will be published

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Dettori the globe-trotter is nearly grounded

An around-the-world whistle-stop tour booked by a top rider came close to being wrecked yesterday when he fell only moments after winning a race at Leicester.

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Panic was on the agenda as Frankie Dettori trudged back towards the stands holding his right arm away from his body. He had been thrown by his mount, landing heavily on his right shoulder. The obvious fear was that the jockey had damaged his collar-bone.

Dettori had just landed the fifth race on Wahiba Sands, But, as Wahiba Sands cantered back, he stumbled and Dettori was pitched over the horse's head.

RESULTS

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1.30: 1. MYTTONS MISTAKE (J. Bosley)

11-2; 2. Silver Harrow 6-1; 3. Scathabury

9-2 lav 15 ran. 8: ½. (A Basley, Tarporley)

104e: C740; 5200; 1180 C1930. DF: C1890

CSF 534 %, Incast C18836, Inc: C1260 Non

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2.00: 1. CAVERSFIELD (Dane O'Neai)

7-1; 2. Zuryaf 20-1; 3. Pure Noblithy 9-4

fav 11 ran. hd, hd, (R Hannon, East Ever
lengh; Tota: C700; £150, £620, £120, . DF:

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2.30: 1. ALTIBR (L. Dettori) 8-11 fav. 2.
Lonsome Dude 7-1; 3. Mudalal 6-1 13
ran. 2. 6 (Sased bin Surcor, Newmarket)
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in the £.
3.00: 1. MESHHED (K Faltori) 8-4; 2.
Groom's Gordon 7-1; 3. Danding Drop 13-6
fav. 8 ran. ½. ½ (B Harbury, Newmarket)
Tote: £300; £200, £100, £100, DF: £1200 CSF.

Toke: C30: 520, C10: 010: 05: 0200 CSF: 034.

3.30: 1. WAHIBA SANDS (L. Dettori) 4-6 tav: 2. Bessings 2-1; 3. Secret Bathol 13-2 5 ran. 2. sh-hd. (J. Durlop, Arunde), Tote: 0160: 5140. 5140. 5140. 5150. 55: 52:16

4.00: 1. SOLO SPIRIT (J. F. Egan) 20-1; 2. Positive At 16-1; 3. Empirical 5-2 tav 22 ran. 2. hd. (J. Jerálns, Poyston), Tote: 02600; 5740, 15:10, 5240 DF: 0256:10 CSF: 02448. This: 0333.70; 014:10 carried lorward to Redcar 240 today, 4.30: 1. MIDNIGHT SHIFT (K. Falont) 10-1; 2. Broadstains Beauty 8-1; 3. Bataleur 33-1; 4. Superbil 16-1, 22 ran. 5-1 lav Bayin. 1/4, sh-hd. (R. Guest, Newmarks), Tote: 05:00: 5310, 2320, 5250, 5400 DF: 025890 CSF: 0205. Tincast: 12.54278. Thio: 03.08800: c3523.06 carried forward to Redcar 240 today.

day. Jackpot: not won; £8,092.01 carried forwerd. to Leicester today. Nacepot: £1140 Quadpot: £420. Nace 6: £1245. Place 5: £630.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Mill End Quest (Redcar 1.35) NB: Royal Result (Redcar 4.15)

LINGFIELD

12.50: L. CASTLES BURNING (J. Wesser) 7-1, 2. Kaff 9-4 fav, 3. Avanti Blue 9-2, 11 ran. shr-hd, 4. (C. Cyzer, Horsham). Tote: £550; £180, £180, £160, DF; £1900. CSF; £1931 Tricast £7281 The £1010. LINGFIELD 2. Red Rabbit 3-1; 3. Confid ran. 9-4 tax Chocolaie (8th), 31/s, nk. (R Charl-ton, Beckhampton), Totas 2009; 22.0, 1270. £130, DF: £1540, ESF: £30.37, 7m; £20.70. 1.50: 1. DERRYQUIN (T Sprake) 12-1; 2. Free Option 8-1; 3. Chrysolite 6-1 10 ran. 4-6 tav Celtic Pageant (5th) nk. 7, fR Cherton Becktempton, Toke: 1320; 5350, 130, 5140, DF: \$45.0, CSF: \$92.84, Trio:

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Charton, Beckhampton), Tota: CR320; 5350, C130, C140, DF: 6450, CSF: 59284, Tric. 23260, 2.20: 1, MADJAMILA (R Firench) 9-2; 2. Pursuit Vernhre 5-2 tar, 3, Hever Golf Passion 20-1, 10 ran, 31/s, 2, (L Curnan, Newmarket), Tota: 53, 52, 556, E140, E230, DF: 51480, CSF: £503, Tric. £63, 70, 2.50: 1, N/HALAS, (R HES), 4-11 far, 2. Storm Cry 14-1; 3, King Stayes 20-1, 9 ran. 11/s, 3, (8 Hills, Lambourn), Tota: £140, £100, £220, £120, DF: £1050, CSF: £708, Tric. £220, 1, LEGS BE FRENDLY (J Red) 0-1; 2, Rare Indigo, 5-1; 3, Regato 100-1, 8 ran, 7-4 fav Cortischy Castle (8th), 1/s, 11/s, (K MCAuffits, Lambourn), Tota: £700, £120, £150, £101, DF: £1090, CSF: £4895, 350: 1, MYSTIC GUIEST JJ Reid) 10-1; 2, Rehaab 12-1; 3, Kranyyan Dawn 7-1, 13 ran, 7-4 fav Harlequen Walk (8th), 11/s, 1/s, (K MCAuffits, Lambourn), Tota: £1200; £220, £470, £170, DF: £2210, CSF: £12895, Tric. £34901, NR; Duncombe Hell, Tric. £28491, NR; Duncombe Hell, Tric. £28491, part won, £37836 carried forward to Redcar 240 today.

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4.20: 1. PEGASUS BAY (J Cunn) 10-1;
2. Everset 20-1; 3. Akalim 10-1. 16 ran. 7-2 fav Step On Degas. Ind. 7/4. (Miss A Embiricos, Newmarket), Totat 2800; C330, C780, C360. DF: \$10190. CSF: \$198.48. Trio: 176160
Placepoot: 522300. Charlant 539.50 Placepot: £22300, Quadpot: £38.80. Place 5; £10592, Place 5: £71.53.

1.40: 1. DAMAS (A P McCoy) 11-8 fav; 2. Margi Boo 10-30; 3. Royal Hand 10-1 8 ran. 3.5. (M Ppe) Totas 52:00: \$140, \$170, \$310, DF: \$350, CSF: \$2006. This: \$250, Non Runner Sul Fosso. Hanner Sul Fosso.
2.10: 1. THE WHOLE HOG (N. Williamson) 94 fay, 2. Count Barachols 7-2;
3. Function Gale 5-1.5 fath. 8. 1/4. (K. Baley) Total 2240: 190. 2150. DF: E380. CSF: E398.

TOWCESTER

2.40: 1. MOSCOW EXPRESS (A Maguira) 10-11 fay; 2. Jamaican Flight 5-2; 3. Glosy Geof 8-1. 5 ran. 2th, 23. (D Nichol-son), Tota: £190; £140, £140, DF; £210, CSF; 3. Gipsy Geor 6-1 Stat. 27, 23; Charles 501; Toke F199; EMD E140 DF: 22:0. CSF: CSB6.
3.10: 1. PARLIAMENTARIAN (D. Gel-lay, 5 ran. 28, 1%, (T. Casey). Toke: E390; E180, E140. DF: E490. CSF: E398, 3.40: 1. SNOW BOARD (Dersk Byrne). 4.6 lay; 2. Prideaux Princo 7-2-3. Ice Mag-125-1. 5 ran. 4, dist. (Mrs Merritz Jones). Het. E170; E20, E180. DF: E330. CSF: E396. 4.10: 1. KAREN'S TYPHOON (A.P. Mc-Cara 2-2: 2 Young Delegrams 15-2: 3. Sof-

4.10: 1. KAHEN'S TYPTOON (A. 2016) Coy 7-2: 2 Young Deleaman 15-2; 3. Spiral Flyer 6-1. 9 ran. 3-1 fav Alass Cruth. Sh M. 3½. (T McGovern). Tota: \$4.80; \$1.50, \$2.50, \$1.90. DF: \$1.200. CSF: \$2.971. This-ast: \$1.45.67. This. \$18.40.

Hever Golf Rose, the winner of Sunday's Group Three Prix du Petit Couvert at Longchamp has been nominated for the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Hollywood Park on 8 November.

One Man and Barton Bank were among eight entries for-Saturday's Charlie Hall Pattern Chase at Wetherby at yesterday's five-day stage.

 Shadow Leader will be among the entries for the Murphy's Draughtflow Hurdle at Cheltenham on 16 November.

 Grand National winner Lord Gyllene will be out of action until the New Year after suffering an injury on the gallops yesterday.

Dettori is due to set off at the weekend for Australia, the United States and Rome, riding some of the best horses in the world along the way.

But, after being seen by a doctor, the Italian was passed fit and was even able to ride again in a later race. "I'm OK." Dettori said. "I just landed on my shoulder and hit my funny bone. I had hurt my other shoulder in the summer so at first I was a little worried."

If Dettori's initial reaction was one of concern, it does not bear comparison to the repercussions that would have swept through international racing.

His forthcoming engagements include next Tuesday's Melbourne Cup - in which he rides Arabian Story for the Queen. The jockey then flies to California for the Breeders' Cup. Immediately after riding

1998 Charr	pion H	lurdie (2m	ı 110yds)	
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Make A Stand (M Proe)	7-1	8-1	7-1	7-1
Collier Boy (J Old)	18-1	12-1	24	16-1
Sammartino (D Nichokon)	20-1	18-1	20-1	16-1
Grimes (C Rochelif)	25-1	20-1	14-1	25-1
Tm Supposin (R Rowe)	25-1	12-1	20-1	14:1
Juyush (J Old)	25-1	14-1	25-1	25-1
Theatroworld (A P O'BnenArt)	doublful	25-1	25-1	25-1
Date Star (J M Jefferson)	16-1	33-1	33-1	35-1
Marello (Mrs M Reveley)	33-1	20-1	20-1	25-1
Space Trucker (Mrs. J Homington/tri)	33-1	16-1	doubthi	25-1
Zaralaska (D Nichokon)	33-1		33-1	25-1
Bellator (G B Bolding)	33-1	33-1	50-1	33-1
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Singspiel, the Japan Cup and Duhai World Cup winner at Hollywood Park, Dettori takes

off for a top event in Italy. Peter Burrell, the jockey's manager, explained: "It will be a bit tight getting from California as a 5pm flight won't get

1.40 TIMEFORM HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 3YO

U4P52 SOUTHERN CHIEF (12) (D) (Bil Brown) W G M Turner 11 3 _ J Power (7) B

1 U4F52 SOUTHERN CHEF (12) (D) (Bill Brown) W G M Turner 11 3 _______ J Pereier (7) B
2 CERTIAM MAGIC (722) (Detamer Partnership W Mart 10 2 ______ M Richards
3 IRSAL (F75) (Richard Green (Fine Pentings)) M Pipe 10 12 _____ A P McCoy
4 PANASO (F62) (Down Habitings) R Stronge 10 12 _____ A P McCoy
5 222 PRAINTE MINISTREL (USA) (6) (BF) (Martin Brook) R Dotton 10 12 ____ A Moguire
6 TRUENTA MINI (F49) (Mrs. Jethery Robinson) P Delton 10 12 ____ A Moguire
7 3 WHRLAWHILE (17) (BF) (Chebenthum Racing Ltd) Miss V Williams 10 12 ___ N Williamson
-7 declared BETTING: 11-10 Irsal, 7-2 Whitfamhile, 4-1 Pratrie Ministrel, 5-2 Certain Magic, 12-1 Southern Chief
33-1 others

SETTING: 11-10 (risal, 7-2 Whitewhile, 4-1 Prairie Minstrel, 3-2 Certain Magic, 12-1 Southern Chief, 33-1 others.

995 Doctor Green (Fit) 3 to 8 A P McCoy 2-5 tor (M Pipe) 8 ran FORM GUIDE.

IRISAL, who changed hands for 40000gms at the Newmarker July Sales, going to Martin Pipe from Alec Stewart, was the highest rated of these on the Flat. The Nashwan cott opened his account at Salisbury in his first race from his new stable and turned in a fine run in the Finte Gold Trophy at Glorious Goodwood, firishing stable and turned in a fine run in the Finte Gold Trophy at Glorious Goodwood, firishing fifth of 14 to the subsequently disqualified Memorise, visal will have been well schooled for this trist crack at the winter game and can make a successful start. Southern Chief is the only hundles winner in the field of severi, but had luck on his side when coming home by 24 lengths at Devon last month as Gray Passal (a stablemate of the selection) was holding every chance only to topple over two flights out and that rival went on to beet Bill Turner's charge five lengths at Taunton. Prairie Ministrel has firished runner-up in his three races, the latest when finding Kingdom Emperor a length and a half too good at Ludlow. Whitrigwhile, who was making his jumping debut when only a short head behind Robin Dictions runner in Stema Check's race at Worcester, can reverse the form with improvement likely. Certain Magic, another hundling recruit, gamed consecutive Flat victories in amateur's events at Wolver-tempton in August and Haydock the following month and has schooled well over triber at home.

2.15 FRENCHIE NICHOLSON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) 23,000 added 2m 110yds

- 6 declared -BETTING: 2-1 Nishamira. 3-1 Crandon Boolevard. 4-1 Nordic Breeza. 11-2 Albemina. 10-1 Noble

to Europe until midday on the Sunday. But the people who have arranged everything are sure it can be done in time to

get him to Rome." Ireland's main Breeders' Cup contender, Desert King, winner of the Irish 2,000 **RACING'S FUTURES MARKET**

Horse (Traner)	Coral	William Hill	Ladbrokes	The
Dorans Pride (All Hounger, M)	7-1	6-1	6 :	6-1
Mr Muligan (N Chance)	6-1	8-1	10-1	9-1
Addington Boy (G Richards)	16-1	14-1	16-1	2-1
Imperial Cell (F Sutnerland In)	20-1	16-1	20-1	20-1
Sparky Gale (C Parker)	20-1	14-1	20-1	15-1
Strong Promise (G Huebard)	16-1	16-1	20-1	20-1
The Grey Monk (G Richards)	20-1	16-1	16-1	20-1
Coome Hall (W Denres)	25-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
Cytorgo (M Pipe)	16-1	20-1	16-1	25-1
Rough Quest (T Casey)	22-1	20-1	25-1	14-1
Danoli (T Foley/M)	33-1	20-1	20-1	15-1
Lord Gysteria (S Brookstreen	251		33-1	25-1
Suny Bay (C Brooks)	33-1	25-1	33-1	25-1

Guineas and the Irish Derby, was confirmed a runner yesterday by trainer Aidan O'Brien.

"Desert King is in good form and will do most of his work at home before being flown to America a couple of

days before the Breeders' Cup. He'll be accompanied by his lead horse, Code of Honour," O'Brien said.

O'Brien was speaking at Leopardstown races, but would not have been universally popular with everyone at the bank holiday meeting after his Kincara Palace sprang a 10-1 surprise in the Group Three Killavullan Stakes.

The two-year-old got home by a neck in a blanket finish from stablemate Musk Lime. But further behind was another stablemate, Chateau Royal, who had been all the rage in the betting ring. In fact, Christy Roche's mount was backed down from 7-4 into 4-5.

Chateau Royal was slowly into his stride, failed to get a run . early in the straight and was left flat-footed as Seamus Heffernan produced his mount Kincara Palace with a surge on the wide outside.

Palace won a nursery so well lust week at Navan that we had to let her take her chance. She is really improving and that was her third win on the trot."

finished unplaced on his hursing bow behind High in The Clouds at Ludlow in February, but followed with a two-and-a-half-length second to Ozzo E Mezzo at Southwell 16 days tase. He hasn't raced since but might provide most danger. Calvaro, now with Josh Grifford, had only two races last sem when trained by Alan Jarvis and finished a creditable third to Waytarers Way at Wincanton in the first of them.

4.00 ENIGMA NIGHTCLUB AMATEURS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) 25,000 added 3m 1f

BETTING: 2-1 Drombana, 5-2 Andre Laval, 4-1 Tug Of Peace, 5-1 Andrelot, 6-1 James Pigg, 10-1

BOXING

Christmas in the Garden for Hamed

Naseem Hamed will make his long-awaited debut in the United States when he takes on the highly-rated Kevin Kelley at New York's Madison Square Garden on 19 December.

The promoter Frank Warren confirmed the bout vesterday, with Hamed putting his World Boxing Organisation featherweight title on the line against the lesser-known World Boxing Union version belonging to

The southpaw American has one defeat in 50 fights, losing the World Boxing Coun-O'Brien said: "Kincara cil crown to Alejandro Gonzalez in January 1995.

Kelley, who stalled over the fight due to his purse demands. will have the backing of a partisan crowd. But Hamed, typically, remains undounted by the prospect, particularly after his recent impressive defeat of the Puerto Rican Jose Badillo at the Sheffield Arena.

"It's got to cross his mind what he's going to get into when he boxes me." said Hamed. "Kelley will get beaten because Badillo is better than him. I'm looking forward to going to America. I don't care about the Garden. All I care about is getting out there and banging somebody out. I'm a pure winner."

SAILING

Dutch entry last into port

The Dutch yacht Brunel Sunergy, which endured a series of misfortunes, including hitting a whale, has become the last of the 10 boats to finish the first leg of the Whitbread Round the World race.

Despite a series of accidents during the 7,350-mile leg from Southampton to Cape Town, skipper Hans Bouscholte brought his boat into port at 13 knots in the early hours of yesterday morning, nearly a week behind the winner, EF Lan-

The Dutch entry had first hit a whale, which broke off half its rudder, and they had to limp into the Brazilian port of Recife for a replacement.

Then, as the yacht was getting back in touch with the tail end of the fleet, the top of the mast was bent. Next came a high pressure weather system, which left them almost becalmed for several days.

Several days.
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Cape Town): 1 EF Language (Swe) P Cayard 29 days 16th 54rm 36tesc; 2 Meri Cup
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4 Sik Cut (GB) L Smith 31: 41-77.07 5 Chessie
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Challenge (US) M Fleth 32: 18:52:36; 8
Swedish Match (Swe) G Kraniz 33:07: 14:38;
9 EF Education (Swe) G Cauliou 34:07:29:02;
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ICE HOCKEY

Storm set to sink Sparta

Manchester Storm, the Superleague leaders and Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finalists, have the chance to make another impact in Europe tonight. Overtime losses to Bolzano

and Dinamo Moscow in the first two games of their fourteam group in the European League were followed by a superb victory in the Czech Republic against Sparta Prague.

Tonight Prague head to the Nynex Arena for the return leg against a Manchester side in pole position for a semi-final place as one of the two best runners-up from the six groups.

Manchester's coach, Kurt Kleinendorst, said: "This is a pivotal game for us, but we feel we can win any time we play at the Nynex Arena. I believe in the character of my side."

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Devid Nicholson can gain an appropriate victory in the race which remembers his tather with NISHAMIRA. Successful of Per in and Huntingdon last term, the grey mare with ner first two starts the term, both at Worselser and looked certain to complete a nati-trick when it front approaching the last at Uttoweter only to make a missite a that fight and go under a short-head to Denegold Nestames should aghain take care of Nordic Breuze, 20 lengths back in third at Uttoweter and 7to better off Albenhine, after retusing at Worces, the last month on his chasing bow, appreciated the switch back to hunding when beating Belitor easily at Sedgefield but was narrowly beaten by 50-1 shot Steam On when a 9-2 on chance at Pumpton eight days ago. Nichamias main mist appears to be Crandon Boulevard, who had the Nicholson-Iranied tovourite Talathath back in tourth when wirrang over a longer journey at Stratford ten days ago.

Selection, NISHAMERA HYPERION 1.40 Whirlawhile 3.25 Circus Star 2.15 Noble Colours (nb) 4.00 Dromhana 2.50 Stanmore 4.30 Arctic Triumph GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places, watered).

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LEADING TRAINERS (5-YEAR RECORD): IM Pilpe — 28 winners from 223 winners gives a success ratio of 125%. D Nicholson 24-158 (152%), N Twiston-Davies 22-200 (11%), J Gifford 16-10, (158%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody — 31 winners, 173 rides, 179%, N Williamson 27-10 (24.3%), A P McCoy 21-89 (23.6%) A Maguire 20-138 (14.5%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Castle Arrow (430). GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places, watered).

2.50 NEVILLE RUSSELL NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) 25,500 added 2m 41 110yds

3.25 RACING CHANNEL MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000

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many good races against the best of his age last season yet taked to win. His first dis-play was a length second behind Commanche Court in the Triumph Hurdle here and his two subsequent runs were third to Qualter Field in the Glentivet Hurdle at Antiree and against Grimes in the Hish Stout Champion Hurdle at the Punchestown Festival in April. The formanetral descriptions and the hindle of the Punchestown Festival in April.

BETTING: 2-1 Drombana, 5-2 Andre Laval, 4-1 Tug Of Peace, 5-1 Andresox, 0-1 Marines Friggs.

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DROMHANA joined Paul Nicholes stable with four high portitio-point victiones under his belt and scored at Warwick, in November and at Leicester in January, while he was second in four of his five other starts least term. The even-year-old also finished runner-up in first-time blinkers behind Father Sky on his reappearance in the Marcodez Berz Crosse at Chepstow – 9 race the stable had won for the two previous years – and, although that winner stored with ease. Nicholis reacons that was probably Dromhanals best display since prining the yeart. This extra fusiong and stiffer track will be to Dromhanals best display since prining the yeart. This extra fusions at stiffer track will be to Dromhanals best display and he tooks to set to dely year topweight with Joe Ticzard talong off 5b. Dromhanals bend confirm latest running with Andrelot, who was more than four lengths back in fourth and has a 5b advantage. Tug Of Peace, who is also on 12st 7b, limitabed seven lengths behind Dromhanal when the Nicholis runner was beaten a length by Act Of Parliament at Windson in January and should get closer with his 8th pull. Toby Balding's charge will be sharper for his opening outing when well beaten behind against McGregor The Third at Stratford. Andre Laval, a former useful point-to-pointer, went in first time up tast term, at Windson, and Kim Baley is again likely to have be pointer, went in first time up tast term, at Windson, and Kim Baley is again likely to have benoting the nough even it the eight-year-old hasn't been seen ance running unplaced at Exeter in Oecember, having pulled a mus-

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2		SUPHORIC ILLUSION (17) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 6 11 10 R Guest
3		CHRIS'S LAD (45) (Mrs Susan McCarthy) J Jankons 6 11 5
4	. DV6P-D	AHBELIAYBUS (13) (Mrs S E Cooper) Mes L Scidal 6 11 C
5	-25401	PLITE GOVERNOR (78) (Nestern Schems Ltd) N Lampard 8 11 0 C Webb (5)

BETTING: 13-8 Arctic Triumph, 3-1 Eughorte Illuston, 7-2 Chris's Lad, 9-2 Eithe Governor, 12-1 Castite Arrow, 33-1 others

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ARCTIC TRIUMPH was beaten six lengths by Dauphin Bleu at Worcester in August alter wirning there the time before and the certainty looked booked for further success after justifying favouratism with the utmost asse at Market Resen five weeks back. All those races were over three miles and this extra distance will present no problems. Chris's Lad is another who stays well and rates the main danger after defeating hotpot Okt Bombay half a length in a three-miler at Worcester test month on only his second hundle race and his first since 1994. He was twice a winner on the Flat in 1996, at Salisbury and Sandown, and went in at Newmarket in June. Eughorte Illuston, after missing last season, won his first two this term, at Market Resen and Bangor. He falled to recover from a last-flight blunder when market leader and that to Mujor's Law on a return to the Welsh track but was 21 lengths off the winner when similarly placed to Cassos Boy at Worcester last.

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HYPERION 1.00 Still Waters 1.30 Emerald Heights 2.00 Love Venture 2.30 Internal Affair 3.00 Swinging The Blues 3.35 Massyar Seventeen 4.10 SUEZ TORNADO (nap)

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• LEADING TRAINERS: R Hannon 31-59 (162%), J Dunlop 27142 (19%), H Cacil 22-81 (27.2%), M Statute 18-71 (25.4%). LEADING JOCKEYS: L. Dettori 41-186 (22%), T Caulum 17-188 (10.1%), K Fallon 13-94 (13.8%) G Carter 13-127 (10.2%). BLINKERED FIRST TRIE: Fair Sonia (130), How Bizarre (200), Li-

1.00 MANNY BERNSTEIN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (Div I) £4,100 added 2YO 1m

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1.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (Div ii) £4,100 added 2YO 1m

2.00 MANNY BERNSTEIN CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 3YO 1m

— 20 declared —
BETTING: 5-1 Seratoga Red, 6-1 Bristo, 13-2 Love Ventura, 7-1 Bollero,
Ruiss, 8-1 Blowing Avery, 10-1 Kristopher, Machime Mind, 12-1 Blush, 14-1
Inkuest, 15-1 Blazor's Salay, 20-1 Minchesous Time, 25-1 Not Out Lad,
33-1 others

2.30 MANNY BERNSTEIN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 2YO 6f

– 21 declared – BETTBIG: 7-2 Bedevilled, 13-2 Ribbiasdale, 7-1 Sharpanzar, 8-1 later nal Affeit, Blackeg Billy, Silken Delikente, 10-1 Benchox, Double Brandy, 12-1 Gen., Mass, 20-1 Grecisn Prince, Opening Night, Samata One, 25-1 Bon Stazie, Long Island, 33-1 others

3.00 MANNY BERNSTEIN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,100 added 1m 2f

BETTING: 5-1 Katie Komete, 11-2 North Read, 6-1 Calendula, 13-2 No-bel Led, 7-1 Suga Henrir, 9-1 Swingleg, The Blues, 12-1 Rock, The Ber-ney, 16-1 Star Witness, Bakers Deughter, Blaze Of Song, 20-1 Conte Together, By Jay, In The Genes, Northern Fan, 25-1 others MANNY BERNSTEIN LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £4,100 added 3YO

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4.10 MANNY BERNSTEIN HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,900 added 1m

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HYPERION LOS Cool Prospect 1.35 Mill End Quest 2.10 Trojan Risk 2.40 Needle Match 3.10 Pass The Rest 3.45 Tallulah Belle 4.15 Royal Result

GOING: Good to Firm.

STALLS: Straight - stands side; round course - nside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High from 5f to 1m.

Curst sid 1 A105 (signposted from A66; Redcar station (Darlington - Sattburn line) 300yds. ADMISSION: Cub I'2. Tatersals 28; Course IZ CAR PARK: Free.

LEADING TRAINERS: like 18 Reveley 44-354 (12-4%), J Gooden 21-69 (30-4%), M Johnston 19-63 (117%) J Berry 15-63 (105%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: J Weaver 21: 124 (157%), J Carroll 20: 154 (15%).

STALLOR MICKEYS: 18-43 (112%) J Fortune 18-177 (9%).

FAVOURITES: 245-665 (36.8%). PAVOURITES: 245-665 (36,874).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Pabelle Bluebird (vsored) (105), After Eight (135), Style Dancer (415).

1.05 E.B.F. WILTON MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) \$3,300 added 2YO 5f

1.35 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added 2YO 6f

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2.10 BRASS CASTLE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 1m 3f CLASS F) £3,300 added 1m 3f

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BETTING: 7-4 Trojan Risk, 7-2 Mod Billiams, 9-2 Durganas Rind, 7-1 Pickerse, 10-1 Klica, 12-1 Ryzway Blues, 14-1 Speculative, 16-1 Dispond Crown, 20-7 Key To, 40-1 others

2.40 ELLERBY HANDICAP (CLASS D) 54,900 added 1m

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3.10 CAPTAIN COOK STAKES (CLASS D) £4,550 added 2YO 71 54502 DEPONIER CROISE (FR) (6) B Western 9 1 M Tobbut

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2	420000	TILER (6) (D) M Johnston 5 9 9
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5	032330	STYLE DANCER (10) (C) R Whiteler 3 93 Deen McKeown 15
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8	005160	GYMCRAK FLYER (10) (CD) G Holmes 689 J Fortune
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Schumacher on collision course with authority

Michael Schumacher will have to answer for his actions in the collision with Jacques Villeneuve at the Grand Prix of Europe, but, as David Tremayne explains, the incident had all the hallmarks of a coming together with Damon Hill three years ago.

The news that Michael Schumacher is to face the heavy guns of motor sport's governing body restores a welcome degree of sanity to Grand Prix racing.

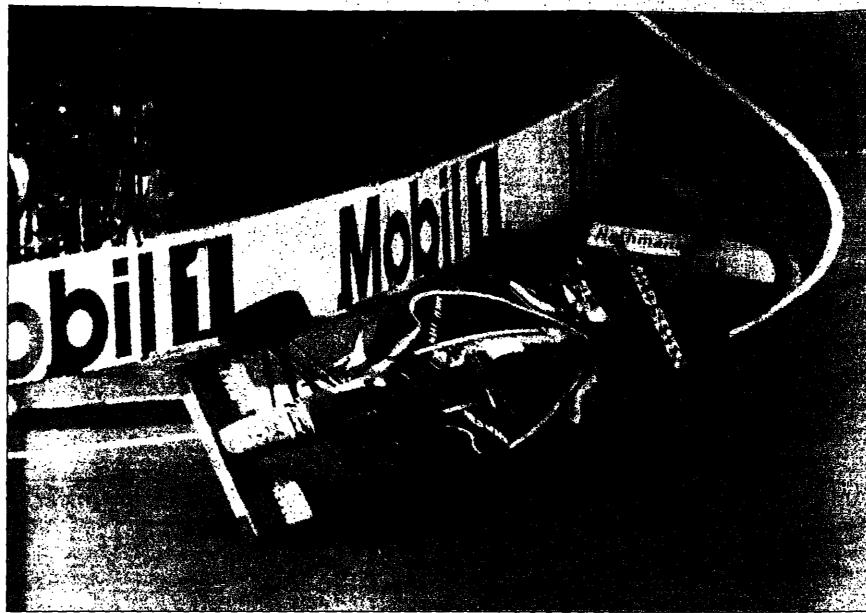
Millions of television viewers watched on Sunday as the 28-yearold German steered his Ferrari into the side of Jacques Villeneuve's Williams-Renault. The incident happened as Villeneuve dived into a gap that the German had left on a tight, right-hand bend on the 48th lap of the 69-lap Grand Prix of Europe. Schumacher failed to finish the race, which he had been leading, but Villeneuve's third place was sufficient to win him his first World Championship crown.

There was general disbelief at Jerez when the race stewards, before whom any drivers involved in such incidents must subsequently appear, deemed the incident "a racing accident." This is motor racing vernacular for the sort of incident that is deemed unavoidable when two or more drivers are hellbent on taking the same piece of road.

But the rest of the world took a different view. What Schumacher did to Villeneuve - perhaps more accurately, what he tried to do to Villeneuve - was very far from being a racing accident.

It was what the outgoing world champion, Damon Hill referred to as "Adelaide revisited," and he should know, for Schumacher appeared to drive into him during their fight for the title in Australia in 1994.

By doing so he removed the main threat to his one-point world championship lead at a time when an error of his own making had seen



him hit a concrete wall and damage his Benetton, thus jeopardising his chances of finishing. The collision damaged Hill's car too, and ensured

The only logical conclusion to draw from Schumacher's action on Sunday was that he tried to do the same thing again, but he viewed the matter differently, and claimed: "Jacques had nothing to lose and he

obviously thought he would go for it," Schumacher said.

"Being behind me he would have lost the championship anyway, so he that the title went Schumacher's way. had to do that. To be honest. I would probably have done the same. I braked as late as possible and be braked even later, so I do not feel I made a mistake.

"Perhaps he was going to try and use me as his brakes. I was called to

see the stewards, but that is normal procedure. As expected, no action was taken against me." His comments were greeted with widespread

Villeneuve said: "Michael and I didn't speak about the incident. We were into the festivities. We'll talk about it later in the year."

But Hill was amused, all the more so since Schumacher bad gone looking for him after the recent Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka, in which Hill had momentarily baulked Schumacher as he was trying to lap the Briton's Arrows-Yamaha.

What Schumacher did at Jerez was not the main point, reprehensible though it may have been. The real mib was that the stewards proposed not to take any action when clearly something was required.

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This was unusual since one of them. the Swiss Paul Gutjahr, had been the hardine proponent two weeks ago in Japan of the decision to ban Villeneuve for failing to slow down for a waved yellow flag for the fourth time in the season.

It seemed highly inconsistent therefore that one driver should be so penalised for a misdemeanour that only might have caused an in-

cident (and it is safe to say that Villeneuve weighed up the situation at racing speed a lot faster than most of us would simply sitting on our backsides watching it on a television monitor), yet another who wilfully risked an accident should be patted on the back and told that he had done nothing wrong.

According to an inside source the stewards had either decided or been told that it would be inappropriate to end the season on a discordant note. This endorsed the views of some sceptical observers that Schu macher and Ferrari were the preferred choice of the authorities to win the World Championship.

Whether the stewards would have been moved to do rather more than they did had the boot been on the other foot, and had it been Villeneuve swerving at Schumacher, will remain a matter for winter bar-room

Yesterday, however, Fia announced that it will call an extraordinary meeting of the World Motor Sport Council on 11 November in Paris, at which Schumacher will be called to explain what the world believes was an attempt to drive his rival off the road.

In abdicating the opportunity to do something about Schumacher's unacceptably aggressive drivings. the stewards sent entirely the wrong message to a younger generation o drivers who look up to the Formula One stars, just as did the failure back in 1990 to sanction Ayrton Senna for ramming Alain Prost off the road at the start of the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka.

Such bullying tactics thus became an accepted (if not acceptable) part of the racing driver's armoury, in an era when many came to believe that they could not seriously be injured because of the inherent safety of their carbon fibre mounts.

Fia's intervention is thus timely and welcome, though it is difficult to see quite what punishment it might mete out that would be suitable. But to have done nothing would have been the equivalent of the boxing authorities condoning lo



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Robinson is Goodway's one certainty

Great Britain's Test side will now include at least one world-class player, but quite what the rest of the line-up will be and particularly the vexed question of who will play at No 7 continues to tax the coach, says Dave Hadfield.

Great Britain will have Jason Robinson in their side to face Australia in the first Test at Wembley on Saturday, but their coach, Andy Goodway, has delayed naming the rest of his

The deal to release Robinson from his contract with the Australian Rugby League and keep him at Wigan for a further three years was completed over the weekend, leaving Robinson free to play in a series from which he had previously been

"It has dragged on for a long i time and I'm just glad to have it sorted out," said the 23-- vear-old Robinson, who will — now be an automatic selection. either in the full-back role he had been filling for Wigan or, more likely, on the wing.

His Wigan team-mate and Great Britain captain, Andy Farrell, welcomed Robinson back into the fold. "This is a massive boost for us all," he said. "If he was Australian he would be in their team as well."

The removal of any doubt about Robinson's availability was a welcome note of certainty on a day that left other questions about Great Britain's line

up on Saturday unanswered. Goodway decided that he needed more time to consider his options, with the issues of club's coach, Peter Walsh,

Goulding or Martin Crompton at scrum-half as the one which is most likely to be giving him sleepless nights. The difficult decision to play Farrell out of position at stand-off has probably already been taken, but that means some tricky choices will then have to be made in the back row of the pack.

One thing now definite is that James Lowes, the Bradford Bulls hooker and player of the year for the season just ended, will make his Test debut, because St Helens' Keiron Cunningham has been ruled out with a recurrence of a hernia.

Australia arrived on schedule yesterday with the Cronulla prop, Danny Lee, travelling in place of Shane Webeke of Brisbane Broncos, who has joined the lengthening list of groin injury victims.

The squad had already lost players of the calibre of Allan Langer, Steve Renouf and Glenn Lazarus but their coach, John Lang, reiterated his confidence in the players he has brought with him to England.

"I'm very happy with the players we've got, but certainly we are going to be the most inexperienced side that has toured Great Britain for a long, long time."

Three directors of Hull bave made a move to block the sale of the club's leading scorer, Tevita Vaikona, to Bradford. They say that because the transfer was not sanctioned by the board it should not be allowed to go ahead. The club's chief executive, Michael Appleton, has described it as a board decision, which the three deny.

In turn, one of the three, the former Hull chairman Alan Mason, says that the deal was done with the approval of the whether to start with Bobbie something which he refutes.



Scott Garlik, the DC United goalkeeper, embraces David Vaudreuil (right) after the Washington side won the MLS title for a second successive year Photograph: AP

DC United ensure Capitol gains

Washington was a city of be illusory after professional two tales on Sunday with the US capital's soccer upstarts upstaging the game Americans call football with a second successive championship victory. John Carlin saw the game's grip on DC tighten.

For American football fans it was a tale of woe, a second successive home defeat for the Washington Redskins suggesting that a season which began with the highest expectations will end in embarrassment and despair. But for the upstart minority of Washingtonians who love the world's favourite game Sunday was a tale of glory as DC United, playing with style and verve, won US soccer's equivalent of the Super Bowl for the second successive season.

If the Redskins' 17-20 defeat to the Baltimore Ravens and DC's 2-1 victory over the Colorado Rapids were all the evidence you had at your disposal, you could be forgiven for imagining that soccer had really caught fire in the US, that American football was going the way of the dinosaurs.

Such an impression would

American soccer's second year of existence ended with attendances down and financial losses up. But the extraordinary spectacle at the Major League Soccer Cup final on Sunday was no chimera. Washington's RFK stadium, until recently the home of the Redskins, was packed to capacity with 57,433 souls so fervent, so festive, so relentlessly noisy that images came irresistibly to mind of fans in Europe and Latin America

soccer for a hundred years. And it was pouring rain, which reduced the Redskins-Ravens game to an amateurish farce at times but did nothing to dampen the excitement of a DC-Rapids game played with pace, passion and pleasing cameos of individual skill.

To constant drum-beats from the stands, to a cacophony of horns and whistles, and chants of "DC! DC!", the home team led the Rapids a merry dance. Regrettably for the US national team, who have a tough World Cup qualifying game away to Mexico this weekend, it was DC's Latin American trio that was making all the fancy moves.

The midfielder Marco Etcheverry, who shone for Bolivia in the Andean nation's otherwise lackiustre 1994 World Cup campaign, was a class above his

team-mates. under-achiever with great vision and an exquisite left foot, Etcheverry might have made an impact in the big European leagues had he not contented himself with remaining a big fish in the small, 10-team pond of the MLS. He looked on Sunday, as he does every week, like a Matt Le Tissier playing in a mid-table First Division side. Up front for DC are Jaime

Moreno, also from Bolivia and whose clubs have been playing once of Middlesbrough, and Raul Diaz Arce of El Salvador. They are the leading scorers in the MLS. Fed by Etcheverry, Moreno and Dinz Arce terrorised the workmanlike Rapids defence and it was a clever dummy by Diaz Arce. when he might have scored, that set up Moreno for the first goal.

Diaz Arce's act of generosity might have been in atonement for having brought the MLS into disrepute the way his less savoury colleagues in American football and baseball have been doing for years. Diaz Arce and an Argentine team-mate, Mario Gori, were charged with rape and complicity to rape in August following an incident in a hotel room with a female fan. DC United put up half a million dollars in bail for each and backed them to play to the end of the season. Now Diaz Arce faces the prospect of a criminal trial and a possible jail sentence.

DC made sure of winning the final with a second-half header from the local boy Tony Sanneh, scored from a cross by John Harkes, previously of Sheffield Wednesday, Another former British import, Uruguay's Adrian Paz, once of Inswich Town, pulled one back for Rapids with a blistering angled strike to give the partying crowd a sobering rush of fear in the game's dying minutes.

Emotionally replete, the DC fans stayed long after the whistle to celebrate their team's victory. The scenes were watched by millions nationwide on ABC television, whose bosses will have been delighted by the quality of the entertainment and encouraged in their recent decision to increase live coverage of the MLS from one game this year to 12 the next.

With more children in the Washington area - as in the US generally - playing soccer than any other sport, with the Redskins on a downward spiral. lovers of the beautiful game may not unreasonably cherish the hope that in the American capital, at any rate, the future belongs to soccer.

Smith to tell Rangers shareholders of his future plans

Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, will address shareholders in Glasgow this morning at potentially one of the most dramatic annual general meetings in the club's 124-year

Smith is widely anticipated to resolve speculation about his future at Ibrox, which could mean his stepping down as manager at the end of the season and taking an executive role.

Despite a remarkable run of domestic success - 13 trophies, including seven titles - Smith's sides have struggled to make an impact in Europe, with this campaign considered the nadir.

Whatever is said by Smith, it is evident that the shareholders will want answers as to why investment in Continental talent has failed to produce dividends in European competition.

If Smith were announce he was stepping down, among the names already put forward to succeed him is the current Finland and former Denmark manager, Richard Moller Nielsen, whose son, Tommy, is a coach at Ibrox.

Scottish football is facing the prospect of being dragged through the courts for a second the lower division clubs, has overturn the permission granted yesterday to the breakaway teams to retire from the Scottish League.

A special meeting of the League management committee went ahead in Glasgow after the top-flight teams went to the Court of Sessions to ensure the meeting took place.

At the last committee meeting on 16 October, only four of the 10 breakaway clubs' motions to retire from the Premier Division were passed - Dunfermline, Hearts. Motherwell

Jim Oliver, representative of and Kilmarnock. The remaining six - including Celtic and promised swift legal action to . Rangers - lost out because each had members on the 12man committee who were denied the chance to vote on their own sides' motions.

But with that procedure ruled invalid, the six Premier Division representatives were able to support themselves and also each other to push through their withdrawals vesterday.

A crucial special general meeting on 18 November will now determine whether the 10 sides can launch their new setup as early as next season.

Fenn earns Republic call-up

Tottenham's teenage striker Neale Fenn has been called into the Republic of Ireland squad for the first leg of their World Cup play-off against Belgium at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, to-

Fenn. 19, is needed as covafter Mick McCarthy lost the injured Sunderland striker David Kelly and West Bromwich's new signing from Southampton, Michael Evans, who fractured a cheekbone in a training collision, leaving only Tony Cascarino, David Connolly and Tommy Coyne as

his recognised forwards. Fenn played in the Repub-

lic's successful Under-20 squad during the World Youth Championship in Malaysia in the summer and has since earned a regular place in the Under-21 team.

Georges Leekens, Belgium's coach, will have to find replacements for the injured midfielder Enzo Scifo, the South American-born forward Luis Oliviera, and the sweeper Lorenzo Staelens.

"As far as we are concerned Ireland must be the big favourites," Leckens said. "They have all the advantages and we are without our key players."

RUGBY UNION

Johnson favourite to be named England captain Fine fightback by Siemerink

England are expected to name Phil de Glanville's successor as captain tomorrow and the choice would appear to

Tie between two experienced forwards. David Llewellyn assesses the likely outcome.

The England coach. Clive Woodward looks set tomorrow to name the man who will captain the side against Australia at Twickenham. Sources close to the management team say hat the choice rests between wo men: Martin Johnson of Leicester and Lawrence Dallaglio of Wasps.

Their credentials are exemplary. Both are experienced nternationals, both captain

their club sides and led them to honours last season. Dallaglio's Wasps waltzed off with the League title, Johnson's Tigers lifted the Pilkington Cup.

The smart money is on Johnson, at 27 Dallaglio's senior by two years. The biggest factor favouring the Leicester man is his successful captaincy of the British Lions in their historic 2-1 series victory over South Africa in the summer. England's pre-Christmas

run-in against Australia, New Zealand twice and South Africa is wickedly demanding. They are attempting an unprecedented southern hemisphere grand slam: failure in the four Tests will not make survival by the captain easy. Losing out tomorrow may well prove to be a blessing and leave the forsaken candidate with a chance of taking up the reins for the

Five Nations after Christmas. Both players have been named in England's latest 28-

man squad for tomorrow's training session at Bisham Abbey. The party is widely expected to be the hard core from which the 21 names will be drawn to face the Wallabies on 15 November, although with some half a dozen members currently carrying injuries Woodward's final selection may well be more limited.

The inclusion of Bath's novice 16-stone plus hooker Andy Long, 20 last month, is a pointer to one of England's

> ALAN WATKINS' COLUMN WILL APPEAR IN **TOMORROW'S** INDEPENDENT

problem areas. Long's clubmate Mark Regan has struggled to find the form which has brought him 12 England caps and earned him a Lions apnearance in the first Test against the Springboks.

His rival Phil Greening has also looked out of sorts and, like Regan, has not been an automatic first choice for his club, Gloucester, this season.

But at least they are in the squad. The Bath prop Victor Ubogu looks to have little chance of adding to his 20 caps. He is one of four notables to have been omitted, joining Ben Clarke - the All Blacks' unanimous man of the series for the Lions in 1993 - and two members of the 1997 party, the lock Simon Shaw and scrum-half Austin Healey on the reject pile. No doubt the doors are not

closed on them, which is more

than can be said for Pontypridd's gang of three. The Welsh club still do not know if Dale McIntosh, Andre Barnard and Phil John will be allowed back in France when they travel to Brive for their European Cup quarter final play-off.

It will be the third time the two sides have met. The first occasion in Brive resulted in brawls on and off the pitch, and charges against the three players for their alleged part in the post-match proceedings. Local magistrates have precluded their return to the Brive area until the case has been tried.

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TENNIS

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Indoor Open. Martin lost his way after squandering the match points and dropping his opening ser-

vice game in the third set. Siemerink, ranked 108, had arrived in Paris having won just one match in his previous four tournaments, but put Martin, currently ranked 52nd in the world, under pressure from the start.

In another first-day match, Sweden's Thomas Johansson beat fellow qualifier Sjeng Schalken of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 and now faces compatriot Jonas Bjorkman in the second round.

Rusedski has retained his lands surged back after saving fifth place in the latest world rankings and fourth in the Road to Hanover table, despite losing his opening match to Germany's Nicolas Kiefer in Stuttgart last week.

Rusedski is still likely to gain one of the eight places for the ATP Tour Championship in Hanover from 10 to 16

November, But he cannot afford to lose early either in Paris or in Stockholm next week. If he gets past Siemerink today, he will be on course for a semi-final meeting with the world No 1, Pete Sampras.

Rusedski has 2,427 points in the Hanover table but is only 419 points ahead of Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who is 16th. As the Paris winner will receive 370 points, not including bonus points, and the Stockholm victor 200 plus bonus

points, the race is still wide open. There are also tournaments in Moscow and Santiago next week before the final eight for Hanover will be confirmed.

Tim Henman, the British No 2, has climbed one place to No 18 in the rankings and is currently 17th in the Hanover table.

However, he is 407 points behind eighth-placed Thomas Muster and would need to win the Paris tournament to have any chance of gaining a place in the ATP championship.

While most British attention is focused on Rusedski and Henman, Andrew Richardson has moved up to world No 143,

his highest position. Other British players in the list include Chris Wilkinson at No 149 and Mark Petchey at

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SPORTING DIGEST

HOCKEY

New boys in control

City of Portsmouth and Eastcote, both newcomers to the ESL South Premier, are the only two sides on maximum points following the weekend programme.

Portsmouth, relegated from the National League last season, were 4-0 winners at Ramgarhia and lead on goal difference. Two goals from Rob Boswell and one each from Stuart Avery and Paul Hilton saw them to a comfortable victory.

Hot in pursuit are newly promoted Eastcote, with a 3-1 win over Herne Bay, James O'Shea ensuring victory with his second goal 10 minutes into the second half. Bill Colwill

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Athletics Kenya's Joshua Kipkenboy won yes-terday's annual Dublin city marathon in a time of 2hr 15min 58sec. A total of 4000 runners took part in the event, which is run through the streets of the Irish capital each year on the Re-public's October public holiday. Maria Bak, the German 100km runner, has been temporarily barried ef-ter a positive dope test for anabolic substances at a competition in the Neitherlands last month. A second test is to be carried out today and Bak has until next month to demand a hear-

WORLD SERIES: Florida 3 Cleveland 2 Basketball

Charles Bardey, the United States "Dream Team" Olympic gold medal winner, has been charged with aggravated battery and resisting arrest after throwing a man through a plate-glass window of a bar in Orlando. The Houston Rockets player, who was bailed for around \$4,000 by team-mate Clyde Dreader, could face up to 16 years' more comment if found on after on. ers' imprisonment if found guilty on years manages.
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Ronald Spelbos, the Utrecht coach, said yesterday he had resigned from the Dutch First Division club following the Dutch First Division club following images on Sunday, Spelbos, 43, a for-mer international, joined Utrecht in January last year after being sacked by Vitesse a few months earlier. Utrecht are currently third from bot-torn in the 8-team division with eight points from 11 matches. Emmanuel Ammunike, the Nigerian in-ternational midfielder, is to have ma-

jor surgery on his left linee in the next few days and will be out of action for several months. Ammunike, 27, joined Barcelona from Sporting Lisbon in Bercetona from Sporting Lisbon in January, but has not played a single minute of league football this season. NATIONWIDE POOTBALL LEAGUE Post-poned matches: Wed 5 Nov. Menchester City v Port Vale. The 18 Nov. Grinsbyv Li-tor; Wigen v Welsall. Re-erranged findrac Fri 7 Nov. Octien v Gillingham drom 8 Nov). MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER Championable play-off (Washington DC): Wesh-ington DC Und 2 (Moreno 37, Sarineh 68) Cotorado Repide 1 (Paz 75). SWEDISH LEAGUE Final etendings: 1 Hainstad (P2, Pts 52); 2 FrK Gothenburg (26-46); 3 Malmo (26-46); 4 Orebro (26-46); 5 Orgyte (26-43). NORWEGIAN CIP FINAL: Valerenga 4

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Manpreet Kochar, the Reading mid-field player, has been brought into the England training squad in place of the injured Nick Thompson.

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Ice hockey

Lisa Lomas, the England No 1, will lead Lisa Lorrias, the England No I, will lead her country against Garmany today in the Super Division of the European Women's league in Stough. Germany, the European champions, have al-ready qualified for the semi-finals and are expected to drop one or both of their top world ranked players, Jie Schop and Nicole Struse.

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The golfers - a record who will tee off this morning at Hardelot in France in an attempt to gain an all-exempt ticket on next year's European Seniors Tour. Four rounds will decide who will gain one of the 10 full places and 10 conditional places.

Schumacher summoned to explain Villeneuve collision

Michael Schumacher, yesterday faced calls for Ferrari to sack him following his collision with Jacques Villeneuve at the Grand Prix of Europe and a belated demand by motor sport's governing body to explain his actions.

David Tremayne details a bad day for the Formula One racing driver more used to adulation than vilification.

Even an ego the size of Michael Schumacher's must have been dented by the fearful battering which has followed his controversial collision with Jacques

Villeneuve during Sunday's Grand Prix of Europe in Jerez.

A summons to appear before the World Motor Sport Council came on the heels of impassioned calls in the Italian media for Ferrari to dismiss him unless he makes a formal apology for what appeared to be an attempt to win the championship by knocking his title rival out of the final race. The race stewards were sat-

isfied that it was a "racing accident" but the Council acted after considering a report from the race director. While any financial penalty that the Council may impose after the hearing in Paris on 11 November is unlikely to unduly affect a man who earns upwards of £20m a year, the damage to his image will be of some person-

Schumacher, previously the idol of the Italian and German media, and passionate fans in both countries, woke to find that he had not only lost the world title by turning his Ferrari into Villeneuve's Williams.

The influential Italian daily newspaper, Corriere dello Sport, led with the front-page headline "Schumacher - now apologise", while Gazzetto dello Sport and Tuttosport both left the 28-year-old German in no doubt as to their feelings. "Schumi, what madness" was the message.

For the first time in his career, Schumacher, who is one of the most famous sportsmen in the world, is finding out what it feels like to go from hero to zero.

He led Sunday's race for 47 of the 69 laps before leaving a gap into which Villeneuve

pounced cleanly to take the lead. While Villeneuve was alongside, Schumacher guided his car into the Canadian's in an attempt to block him, but on this occasion the biter was bitten and Schumacher slid off the track and out of the race. Villeneuve finished third to clinch his first World Championship.

The furore in the Italian media is a devastating blow to a driver used to adulation and already the Formula One world is asking whether the first serious cracks are appearing in armour thought, until now, to be all but impenetrable.

Mario Sconcerti, in a Corriere editorial entitled "Nobody has the right to want to win at all costs," demanded that Schumacher should be sacked if he does not apologise.

true champion", added to the "I don't know what went attack on Schumacher with a

through Schumacher's head column from leading writer, the moment he turned his Candido Cannavo. steering wheel sharply to the "Let's disown the stain left right to try and hit Villeneuve, by Schumacher's naive and nor what he felt when he sensed

the world title slipping from his

hand," he wrote. "I don't know

what that flash of bitterness was,

but it certainly wasn't sport.

What happened was a dirty

trick, an unworthy blow which

Sconcerti, a passionate Fer-

rari fan, added: "Today we call

on Schumacher to apologise,

not only to Villeneuve but also

to all Ferrari people. This is no

way to behave, this is no way to

win, and we are not interested

The Gazzetto, which also

in victory at all costs."

criminal consequences."

twisted attempt to force Villeneuve out, just as he was overtaking him with an impeccable, courageous and not reckless manocuvre," he thundered.

'It was an offensive scene for a duel which, whatever the in everyday life would have outcome, would at least have maintained its dignity."

In Germany, Schumacher's popularity was also deuted. Bild declared that "Schumacher himself was to blame for the crash. Schumi wanted to push Villeneuve out". It then asked: "But Michael, why on earth did you do it?"

The Frankfurter Allemagne proclaimed "Villeneuve - a lamented the passing of Schumacher's "nice boy next door"

called his "Wild West manners." The Saarbrücker Zeitung said: "Schumacher's exit was the just punishment for an unfair attack."

Villeneuve remained calm as he celebrated his first championship in only his second season as a Forumla One driver. However, he had no illusions about Schumacher. "I knew Michael was capable of just trying to take me off and that's what he tried to do." The German, however, was convinced he did nothing wrong.

The Italian media revered Villeneuve's father, Gilles, who was killed driving a Ferrari during practice for the 1982 Belgian Grand Prix at Zolder, and who enjoyed a reputation not only as the fastest man in Formula

One, but as a true sportsman. Recalling him while visiting Jerez at the weekend. Jody

Scheckter, the last Ferrari world champion in 1979, and Villeneuve's team-mate, said: "Gilles was a crazy man. But he was honourable. At Monza in 1979 we were under team orders. I was to finish first and he was to follow me home, and that

way I would clinch my title. "I admit that I spent the last few laps wondering anxiously if he might push by, but though be sat very close to me he never once tried to do that. He

obeyed the orders to the letter." In doing so Gilles Villeneuve surrendered his own chance of the title, but on Sunday his son became the first Canadian in history to take the

As for Jacques Villeneuve, he is unlikely to care whether Schumacher apologises or not. Crash course, page 30

FOOTBALL

Benfica make £4m bid for Emerson

Middlesbrough's Brazilian international, Emerson, may be on his way back to Portugal following a £4m bid from Benfica, but Bryan Robson, the Boro manager, is not keen on letting

Emerson, the former Portuguese Player of the Year, has been in outstanding form in Middlesbrough's run of 11 games with just one defeat, and Robson said: "Emerson's attitude has been spot-on around the club and on the training ground. He was outstanding against Port Vale, especially when he took responsibility after Robbie Mustoe was injured."

Robson is only likely to sell Emerson if he can make a profit and the player himself wants to leave the club. But the Portuguese side will have to raise their offer before Robson will negotiate.

Emerson gained a certain amount of notoriety last season. when he went missing on trips to Brazil, but Middlesbrough stood their ground when he was linked with Barcelona and the player was forced to return to the north-east.

Emerson, signed from Porto, failed to recapture his early season form as Boro suffered relegation from the Premiership and lost in two cup finals.

want to sign the Middlesbrough goalkeeper Gary Walsh on a permanent basis, but cannot agree on a fee. Robson has put a £500,000 valuation on the former Manchester United player who has impressed on a month's loan at Bradford.

Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, has until tomorrow to appeal against the red card that will rule the midfielder Emmanuel Petit out of next month's match with Manchester United. The former Monaco player was dismissed for laying his hands on referee Paul Durkin in the final minutes of Sunday's goalless draw against Aston Villa at Highbury.

yesterday confirmed that Petit had been dismissed for "violent conduct" and that he now faces a three-match ban, starting on rules, appeals on the grounds

The Football Association

be supported by evidence received at Lancaster Gate within three days of the match in question. Durkin has rescinded one card already this season, after accepting he had wrongly dis-

Several top Premiership players have given their backing to the "Show racism the red

card" project. Players including Gianfranco Zola, Faustino Asprilla and Ian Wright appear on a video which aims to help stamp out racism in football. The project . is mainly focused on schools and has been translated into four languages to be shown across Europe.

England's Under-21 side will have to try and qualify for next year's European Under-21 Championship finals via a twolegged play-off - despite remaining unbeaten in their group which they won by seven points from Italy. England will have to meet either France or Greece on a home and away basis before 14 December, with the winners joining the other seven teams who have qualified automatically for the finals at Under FA disciplinary a venue to be decided in May.

Egil Ostenstad has underof "wrongful dismissal" must gone a successful operation to reoair dama se to his left ankle and hopes to make his Southampton comeback in December. The Norwegian international, who was injured in the Saints' preseason tour to Germany, has had a section of bone shaved from the ankle by a surgeon in



South Africa's Shaun Pollock powers in during his five-wicket spell in the Test match against Pakistan at Faisalabad yesterday

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(5) 15 Game to give diamonds to nameless artist (3.6) 17 Source of ventilation in pub's unknown, one gets a

disease (9) 19 Excessively imprisoning sailor is forbidden (5)

22 Aspect of one limited by short imperial measure (5) New Zealand by a stroke of 23 Dog food which is at rear of lorry (9) Great source of wealth in

hospital department (7) Could be bad sign in the stomach (7) One's not seen by day with unpleasant family group (7) 28 Note change of rental that's

permanent (7) Obscure noisy support for British city district (7)

Could it be a child's place to restore health of railway? Arrest old boy, a person of high rank back from India (5)

Grown-up accepts a charge for praise (9) Unhappy about a Latin cold It goes fast on river water maybe carrying two of boys?

One civil engineer to choose, a help to the likes of Hillary? Sex-discriminating control?

Brave daughter with parents lacking temale sibs? (9) Time to lay down law heart-lessly and remove completely

17 One new area of study where slips are found? (7)
18 Dissenting group force a legal case (7) Grass on male in prohibi-

tion? One knows all about craft (7) 21 It gives instructions for increasing number of revs first?

23 Shabby sort of race in Scotush river (5) 24 Put up, say, expert's mark (5) CRICKET

Pollack snatches the series from complacent Pakistan

Henry Blofeld reports from Faisalabad South Africa 239 & 214 Pakistan 308 & 92 South Africa win by 53 runs

A wonderful Test match had the extraordinary end it deserved. Dreadful batting by the Pakistan top order - which at times appeared to be almost deliberately suicidal - reduced them to 31 for 5 in the ninth over of the morning and, from there, recovery was not possible against a South African side which was as superbly disciplined as it was well-handled.

The excellent pitch, which had enough grass to help the seam bowlers when the ball was new, gave encouragement to the spinners later and had enough pace not to penalise stroke makers.

Pakistan should have won easily. They did not, which was the result of badly muddled thinking, if they thought at all.

Aamir Sohail started off the fourth morning as if the match had to be won by lunch and, in his exuberance, forgot about technique. The next four in the order then went about their business as if the match was already won and all they had to do was go through the motions.

The South Africans had buoyed themselves up for this fourth day by concentrating their minds on Hansie Cronje's first Test as captain, when Australia had needed 118 to win in Sydney and lost by five runs.

After a loose first two overs. their fast bowling was admirably disciplined, the fielding. even though Adam Bacher put down a simple chance from Aamir at square leg, was brilliant; Pat Symcox, the man of the match, rounded off a superb game when he quickly dispatched Pakistan's tail and Cronje, once again, was a cap-

tain for all seasons. In the over after Aamir had been dropped, he tried to pull a ball from Allan Donald which was almost wide and, with great glee, Bacher made amends at cover point with a low diving eatch to his right. Saced Anwer, whose batting

at the moment is in a sad state, cut furiously at one from Shaun Pollock which was too far up and too close to him and was caught behind. Next hall, Ejaz Ahmed moved so far across his stumps to turn the ball to leg that he was leg before in front of middle and off. The pressure got to Ali Naqvi, who pushed forward to Pollock with his bat miles from his body and was caught behind. Two runs later Inzamam-ul-Haq did something similar and Brian McMillan came up with a beauty two-handed, low to his left at second slip. Pollock could hardly have bowled better than he did in this spell, keeping to a tight length and line around the off-stump.

This mayhem could hardly go on and Azhar Mahmood and Moin Khan, who played better than anyone, settled in to give Cronie a problem. He had to attack and take wickets and yet could not afford to give away

Cronje defuly changed his howlers, bringing on Symcox for Poliock and Paul Adams at the other end. After a couple of overs from Symcox he switched to Lance Kluscner. who did the trick with a relatively harmless one down the leg side which flicked Azhar's

gloves as he tried to glance. Six wickets were down for 79 at lunch and the end came soon afterwards. Wasim Akram swung and skied to mid on, Saqlain Mushtaq was picked up off bat and pad, a Pollock yorker accounted for Wagar Younis and finally Moin holed out at deep square leg. Pakistan had lost only their third home series in 28 years.

Fourth day: South Africa won loss SOUTH AFFICA - First innings 239 (G. Kirsten 100no, P.L. Symoox 81; Wasim Akram 4442).

PAKISTAN - First Immings 308 (Inzama ul-Heq 96, Mon Khan BO). SOUTH AFRICA - Second innings 214 (F L Symcox 55; Mushtag Ahmed 4-57). PAKISTAN - Second lenings

Inzamam-ul-Haq & McMillan b Pollock. S Azhar Mahmood & Ridson b Klusener ...6 Mushtag Ahmed not out Extras (b4 b6 nb5 w1 ,....

Total (37.3 evers) 92 Falt 1-23 2-24 3-24 4-29 5-31 6-68 7-85 8-87 Bowling: P R Adams 5-2-10-0, P L Symons 53-5-8-3, S M Policok 11-1-37-5, A A Donald 6-1-14-1, L Klusener 6-1-13-1 South Africa won by 53 runs

Umpires: S Dumn (NZ) and Man Astan (Pak). Man of the match: P Sympox (SA).



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